



## GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE MIST

### SERIOUS JOY

#### ECCLESIASTES 6:10-7:6

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1. Humbly \_\_\_\_\_  
(6:10-12)

*Ecclesiastes 6:10–7:6 (ESV)*

*10 Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what man is, and that he is not able to dispute with one stronger than he. 11 The more words, the more vanity, and what is the advantage to man?*

*12 For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun?*

*7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth.*

*2 It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.*

*3 Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad.*

*4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.*

*5 It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools.*

*6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fools; this also is vanity.*

2. Prepare \_\_\_\_\_  
(7:1-2)

3. Value \_\_\_\_\_  
(7:3-6)

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Isaiah 45:9-13.** What are some of the ways you may be tempted to dispute or argue with God? Why is this of no advantage to you?
  
- 2. Read Proverbs 3:5-6.** What are some areas of your life right now where you might be tempted to lean on your own understanding? What will it look like to trust God & His promises in those areas?
  
- 3. Read Ecclesiastes 7:1.** What qualities make up a truly “good name” or “good reputation”? In what areas would you like to grow so that your name brings encouragement to others and glory to God?
  
- 4. Read Psalm 90:12.** How will your life benefit from thinking more about death and how short your life will be? How should that affect your priorities?
  
- 5. Read Ecclesiastes 7:5 & Proverbs 27:6.** What are some of the reasons we might avoid a wise rebuke or a wound from a friend? What benefit will you receive if you are more open to listening to counsel from others?

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

*Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.*

Gibson, David. *Living Life Backward*. Crossway, 2017.

Piper, John. *Don't Waste Your Life*. Crossway, 2003.

Wiersbe, Warren. *Be Satisfied*. Victor Books, 1990.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God would give him grace to trust him more.

Pray that we would all live life with a readiness to die.

Pray that we would experience deep and profound joy.

Pray for Christians in Ukraine & Russia to shine the light of Jesus Christ.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

## REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
2/28	Leviticus 21-23	Matthew 15:39-16:12, Mark 8:10-26
3/1	Leviticus 24-25	Matthew 16:13-28, Mark 8:27-9:1, Luke 9:18-27
3/2	Leviticus 26-27	Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 9:2-13, Luke 9:28-36
3/3	Numbers 1-2	Matthew 17:14-23, Mark 9:14-32, Luke 9:37-45
3/4	Numbers 3-4	Matthew 17:24-18:14, Mark 9:33-50, Luke 9:46-50
3/5	Numbers 5-7	Matthew 18:15-35