



Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - March 5 & 6, 2022

1. Watch out for _____
(v. 7)

Ecclesiastes 7:7–10 (ESV)

*7 Surely oppression drives the wise into
madness, and a bribe corrupts the heart.*

*8 Better is the end of a thing than its
beginning,
and the patient in spirit is better than the
proud in spirit.*

*9 Be not quick in your spirit to become
angry,*

for anger lodges in the heart of fools.

*10 Say not, "Why were the former days
better than these?"*

For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.

2. Watch out for _____
(v. 8)

3. Watch out for _____
(v. 9)

4. Watch out for _____
(v. 10)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read James 4:1-2.** What are some of the desires or maybe even obsessions you have that lead you into conflict with others? What would it look like to submit those desires to the Lord?
- 2. Read 2 Timothy 2:3-6.** Which one of these pictures of focus and endurance resonate the most with you? What can you do to live out that picture this week?
- 3. Read James 1:20.** What are some of the ways you try to excuse your anger? How do verses like this and Ecclesiastes 7:9 remind you about the dangers of anger?
- 4.** As you consider the frustrations in your life that can lead to anger, how can you redirect those desires? What are some constructive ways you can deal with those frustrations as opposed to the destructiveness of anger?
- 5. Read Ecclesiastes 7:10.** What are some of the ways you may be tempted to look back too much at the “good ole days”? How can you retrain your mind to look back less and look forward to eternity more?

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.

Lewis, C.S. *The Weight of Glory*. HarperOne, 2001.

Priolo, Lou. *The Heart of Anger*. Grace & Truth Books,

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church would exemplify patience and not pride.
Pray that our study in Ecclesiastes would lead to less anger in our lives.

Pray that we would look forward to heaven more!

Pray that God would use our upcoming Winter Weekend for great things in the lives of our middle schoolers.

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
3/7	Numbers 8-10	Matthew 8:19-22, Luke 9:51-62, John 7:1-10
3/8	Numbers 11-13	John 7:11-31
3/9	Numbers 14, Psalm 90	John 7:32-53
3/10	Numbers 15-17	John 8:1-30
3/11	Numbers 18-20	John 8:31-59
3/12	Numbers 21-23	Luke 10:1-24