



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE MIST
PUTTING ECCLESIASTES TO WORK
ECCLESIASTES 11:1-6

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1. Trust _____ *Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 (ESV)*
(vv. 3-5) *11 Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.
2 Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,
for you know not what disaster may happen on
earth.
3 If the clouds are full of rain,
they empty themselves on the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
4 He who observes the wind will not sow,
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.
5 As you do not know the way the spirit comes
to the bones in the womb of a woman with child,
so you do not know the work of God who makes
everything.
6 In the morning sow your seed, and at evening
withhold not your hand, for you do not know which
will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will
be good.*
2. Dig _____
(vv. 1-2, 6)
3. Work _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Ecclesiastes 3:9-13.** What are some current situations in your life where the providence of God is particularly encouraging to you? How should this reality change your outlook on the situation?
- 2. Read Ecclesiastes 10:8 & 11:4.** The first verse warns us about the dangers of being too hasty in our work, while the second warns us about being too cautious in our work. Do you naturally lean one of those two directions? What are some things we should consider to make sure we are avoiding both of these errors?
- 3. Read Ecclesiastes 11:6.** As you consider this verse, in what area of your life/work would you most like to be more diligent? What will more diligence in that area look like?
- 4. Read Colossians 4:5-6.** How do you think you could be more industrious with the current evangelistic opportunities in your life? How could you make more of the opportunities God has brought your way?
- 5.** As we begin to close up Ecclesiastes, how has studying this book changed/refreshed your perspective on life? How should these changes specifically affect your outlook on your “work,” whatever that may be?

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.

DeYoung, Kevin. *Just Do Something: A Liberating Approach to Finding God's Will*. Moody Publishers, 2009.
 Gibson, David. *Living Life Backward*. Crossway, 2017.
 Watson, Thomas. *All Things for Good*. Gideon House Books, 2015.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our hearts will be encouraged by the providence of God.
 Pray that we would be diligent, industrious, and generous in our work.
 Pray that we would be faithful servants of the King!
 Pray for the National Equipped Conference and Ignite to glorify God and His Word.
 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
5/9	Psalms 18	John 15
5/10	Psalms 121, 123, 124, 125, 128, 129, 130	John 16
5/11	2 Samuel 1-2	John 17
5/12	2 Samuel 3-4	Matthew 26:30-46, Mark 14:26-42, Luke 22:39-46
5/13	Psalms 6, 8, 9, 10	Matthew 26:47-56, Mark 14:43-52, Luke 22:47-53, John 18:1-12
5/14	Psalms 14-16	Matthew 26:57-68, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 22:54, John 18:13-24