

A God-centered view of money

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

- I. The political control of money is self-centered (Ecclesiastes 5:8-9).
 - A. Financial selfishness and injustice is typical in human government (8).
 - B. Kings should develop resources to benefit all (9).

- II. The person who loves money is self-centered and unhappy (Ecclesiastes 5:10-17).
 - A. The nature of those who love money (10-12).
 - They are not content (10).
 - They feel empty in spite what they have (11).
 - They have more anxiety as wealth increases (12).
 - B. Dangers to those who love money (13-17).
 - They hoard money because they fear suddenly losing it (13, 14).
 - They are distressed and angry as death nears since “you can’t take it with you” (15-17).

- III. Enjoyment comes only from living God-centered (Ecclesiastes 5:18-20).
 - A. When we work for God, work is satisfying (18).
 - B. When we view wealth as God’s gift, we can enjoy material things (19).
 - C. When we understand life is God’s gift, we can enjoy life without dreading death (20).