

The joyless, empty life without God

Ecclesiastes 6

- I. Success without joy produces an empty life (Ecclesiastes 6:1-6).
 - A. If God gives someone money and honor but they have no joy, their life is empty (1-2).
 - Only God gives joy (Ecclesiastes 2:24-26; 5:18-20; 8:15).
 - B. If God gives someone 100 children or lives 2000 years but has no joy their life is empty (3-6).
 - Being stillborn is better than joylessness.
- II. Any human pursuit without God produces an empty life (Ecclesiastes 6:7-12).
 - A. Everyone must face their own emptiness and discontent (7-9).
 - The desire to acquire is never satisfied (7).
 - The wise and foolish both experience discontent (8a).
 - A poor person with a winsome personality experiences discontent (8b).
 - The real issue is to find enjoyment in what we have, instead of what we want (9).
 - B. God planned that life would always be empty without Him (10-12).
 - God knew the world He created was incapable of satisfying man's desires (10).
 - No philosophy can change emptiness (11).
 - Everything is empty if we don't grasp true goodness or know the future (12).