



# ***Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide***

SERMON DATE: 02/25/2018  
DISCUSSION DATE: 03/04/2018  
TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 5:10-6:9

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## ***I. A SELFISH HEART WILL NOT ENJOY GOD'S GIFT OF WEALTH (PART TWO)***

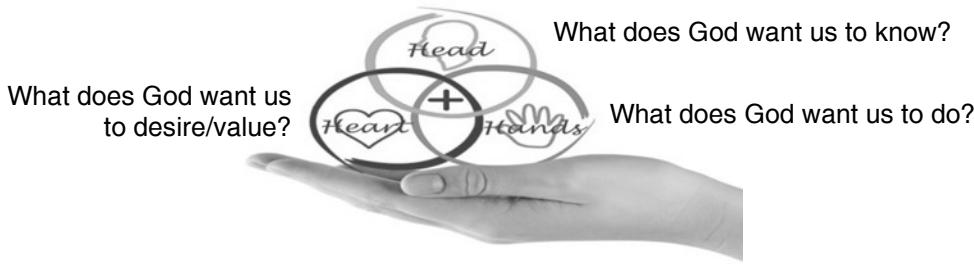
***A. God's gifts of wealth and possessions do not satisfy – they were never intended to shape our lives. v.v. 10-12***

***B. God's gift of wealth and possessions are both uncertain and temporal – you are not. v.v. 13-17***

***C. How can we rightly enjoy God's good gift of wealth and possessions?  
v.v. 18-20.***

***D. A profound warning to all who reject Solomon's wise Counsel. Ch. 6:1-9.***

## ASKING GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY TO OUR DAILY LIVES



1. **Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-12.** Do we believe that we would be happier, if we had more wealth? Do we believe that our success in this life is being measured by how much we have? What does God want us to know about wealth and possessions?
2. **Read John 17:15-18.** How does Solomon's counsel about wealth become a settled conviction in our lives? How can we determine who's view of wealth is ruling in our hearts?
3. **Read Ecclesiastes 5:13-17 & 1 Timothy 6:17-19.** Why must we be commanded not to trust in "uncertain riches?" Why is the loss of wealth and possessions described here as a gut wrenching experience (a severe evil)?
4. How can riches be lost in a moment?
5. What does God wants us to know/believe about wealth and possessions (v. 15)? How should this truth sanctify our lives (i.e. impact our daily decisions)?
6. What do we accumulate for ourselves by living for the "gain" that comes from our labor?
7. According to Paul, why does God give us the gifts of wealth and possessions? How do we experience this?
8. **Read Luke 12:15-21.** How is a fool described in this text? According to this passage, what does not make a life?
9. How are God's children rich even if they are "poor" in the estimation of this world? (2 Corinthians 8:9; Pro 3:13-15).
10. What does it look like when a person trusts in "uncertain riches?"
11. **Read Ecclesiastes 5:18-20; 1 Timothy 6:18-19.** Where does the ability to enjoy the good from all of our labor come from?
12. Who is being kept busy "with the joy of his heart?" How can this be received? Connect this thought with Eph 2:8-9.
13. How do we do good with the wealth that God provides us?
14. What is gained by enjoying the gift of wealth in a way that pleases God who gave it?
15. **Read Hebrews 13:14-16.** What kind of worship pleases God?
16. **Read Ecclesiastes 6:1-9.** How is it possible for a person to obtain all they desire and still not be happy/content?
17. Why are great wealth and long life not worthy goals to be pursued? What false assumptions/lies are believed by those living for them?
18. What is the point of the proverb found in v. 9a?