

ECCLESIASTES

FINDING MEANING IN THIS LIFE

Message Title: **Living with Uncertainties**

Ecclesiastes 11:1-8 NASB | Sunday AM, January 14th, 2022

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11 Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days. ² Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth. ³ If the clouds are full, they pour out rain on the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it lies. ⁴ One who watches the wind will not sow and one who looks at the clouds will not harvest. ⁵ Just as you do not know the path of the wind, and how bones *are formed* in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes everything. ⁶ Sow your seed in the morning and do not be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether one or the other will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good. ⁷ The light is pleasant, and *it is* good for the eyes to see the sun. ⁸ Indeed, if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. Everything that is to come *will be* futility.

Introduction

1. You Cannot _____ the Future - vs. 2

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2. You Cannot _____ the Work of God - vs. 5

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3. You Cannot _____ - Success or Future - vs. 6

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1. _____ Wisely Holding Everything Loosely

2. _____ in Your Years Working Diligently

Application Questions

1. *How have the uncertainties of life crippled/paralyzed you?*
2. *What Scriptures have been a source of motivation/instruction in those times of uncertainty?*
3. *What are some examples of wise and unwise risks that you have perhaps taken?*

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?