

## Ecclesiastes 5

<sup>10</sup> Whoever loves money never has enough;  
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.  
This too is meaningless.

<sup>11</sup> As goods increase,  
so do those who consume them.

And what benefit are they to the owners  
except to feast their eyes on them?

<sup>12</sup> The sleep of a laborer is sweet,  
whether they eat little or much,  
but as for the rich, their abundance  
permits them no sleep.

<sup>13</sup> I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:  
wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,

<sup>14</sup> or wealth lost through some misfortune,  
so that when they have children  
there is nothing left for them to inherit.

<sup>15</sup> Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,  
and as everyone comes, so they depart.

They take nothing from their toil  
that they can carry in their hands.

<sup>16</sup> This too is a grievous evil:

As everyone comes, so they depart,  
and what do they gain,  
since they toil for the wind?

<sup>17</sup> All their days they eat in darkness,  
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

<sup>18</sup> This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. <sup>19</sup> Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. <sup>20</sup> They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

<sup>11</sup> But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

## Luke 12

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”