

# Sunday School

## **An Exposition of Qoheleth**

### **Qoheleth's Financial Fitness Plan Ecclesiastes 11:1-6**

#### Introduction

Totalizing passages: passages which teach complete devotion to God and that God is everything (Col. 3:1-2).

Things of earth passages: Passages that teach that God in His goodness has created everything and given us the things of earth to enjoy (1 Tim. 6:17)

Money is a big part of life. Money is one of the “things of earth.”

Money can be a source of stress.

There really are two extremes to avoid: to be so consumed with making money, that wealth becomes an idol that consumes our lives (Ecc. 4, 6).

The other is through laziness or even misfortune, fall into poverty. Both wealth and poverty can cause sleepless nights!

Therefore, we need wisdom when it comes to money. We need wisdom to use this “thing of earth” called money. We need wisdom to know how to get it and use it as a gift to be enjoyed.

#### **11:1 – “Cast Your Bread on the Surface of the Waters”**

Charity or investments?

#### **11:2 – Diversification**

#### **11:3 - Uncertainty**

#### **11:4 – Work Anyway**

#### **11:5 – No Guarantees**

Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth. (Pro 27:1)

Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. (1 Tim. 6:17)



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## 11:6 - Seize All Opportunities

### Conclusion –

His first principle is generosity.

Be wise and diversify. There are many uncertainties, so work hard anyway, do not be a procrastinator. Work hard and trust God.

Why give counsel on financial fitness?

1 Tim. 6:17 – God has given you these things to enjoy, so the wise use and pursuit of them honors God as we enjoy the gifts.

Money as one of God's gifts, requires wisdom, to guard us from idolatry and to enable us to enjoy it.

