

## "Diligence in Your Early Years with the Fear of the Lord" Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12

| I. Many question the focus of this opening section: Is |   |                      |            |
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| Solomon encouraging you to                             |   |                      |            |
| broadly or to give                                     |   |                      | _(11:1)?   |
| a.   | If Solomon has charity                              | in mind, this seems  | s like a   |
|  | "pay it   | " kind of ver        | rse—if     |
|  | business is involved, he advises to invest broadly  |                      |            |
|  | and not allow potential                             |                      | of loss to |
|  | inhibit you (11:2-4).                               |                      |            |
| Matthew 6:1-2, 5; Isaiah 32:20; Deuteronomy 24:19-22   |   |                      |            |
| b.   | You cannot tell what God will bless, so be diligent |                      |            |
|  | in charity or in business                           | and look for God     | to bless   |
|  | of  | it (11:5-6).         |            |
| Ecclesiastes 9:5-                                      | -6, 10; Matthew 25:14-30; 6:1                       | 19-21; John 12:24-26 |            |