

**What gives your life  
meaning?**

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*Ecclesiastes*

# God is in control—not you.

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- Ecclesiastes 3:1-2
- Ecclesiastes 3:11, 14
- Ecclesiastes 5:2
- Ecclesiastes 6:12
- Ecclesiastes 7:13–14
- Ecclesiastes 8:17
- Ecclesiastes 9:11–12
- Ecclesiastes 10:14

# Ecclesiastes 11:1–6

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*Scripture Reading*

# The Main Point of Ecclesiastes 11:1–6

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Faith in God's sovereignty should lead us to diligent, diversified investment, not laziness and procrastination.

“The message is not to let our inability to control circumstances paralyze our actions.” —Tremper Longman

# Two Applications of Ecclesiastes 11:1–6

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1. Throughout life you should diligently and diversely invest your money.
2. Throughout life you should diligently and diversely invest yourself in **Christ's** kingdom.

Christians ought to be  
“venture capitalists for the  
kingdom of God.”

“Of all the things that we  
ought to be sowing...the  
most important is the  
living Word of God.”

— Phil Ryken

# Conclusion

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- We are tempted to doubt that God is in control because we want to imagine that we are.
- We are tempted to believe that God is in control because we feel like we are less responsible.

We strike the right balance when *confidence* that God is in control leads, not to paralyzing fear, but to faithful risk-taking for the Lord.