

**What gives your life
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Ecclesiastes

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Chapters 1–2, Introduction

What end result makes all the activity worth it?

Making a difference? No. Experiencing pleasure? No.

Living longer? No. Accomplishing lots? No.

Chapters 3–7, Main Point

God's work lasts—but you can't figure out what he's doing. Your work to fix injustice, to accumulate wealth, or to gain power will not last.

Chapters 8–10, Application

Ecclesiastes 8–9

- ✓ Get wisdom—it can be such a wonderful gift! (8:1)
- ✓ In the workplace, be wise (obey your supervisor), yet it's also wise to expect frustrations. (8:2–9)
- ✓ In life, be wise (fear God), yet it's also wise to expect a life of continual injustice. (8:10–17)
- ✓ Wisdom won't prevent you from experiencing problems in life, especially death. (9:1–6)
- ✓ It's wise to simply enjoy life—while you still can—as an undeserved gift from God. (9:7–10)
- ✓ Wisdom is valuable, but it's wise to remember that it comes with no guarantees of success. (9:11–18)

The Main Point of Ecclesiastes 8–9

You are wise if you live for God, remembering that you can't control God's plan, that you should expect unexpected hardships tomorrow, and that you should enjoy God's simple gifts today.

Pray Daily based on Ecclesiastes 8–9

God, I exist for you. Help me to live for you and love you with all my heart.

As I work today, help me to be faithful. And help me to submit to the trials you have planned for me. I submit my plans to you.

Remind me throughout today that death is coming and each breath is a gift. Help me to enjoy with thankfulness every gift you give me today.