

Life In The Mist
Be Encouraged
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Review

The Teacher offers His personal experience in Chapters 1-2
The Teacher offers His general observations in Chapters 3-5
The Teacher offers His practical counsel from Chapters 6-8
The Teacher offers His final conclusions in Chapters 9-12

Today we will look at the words of encouragement for life.

Ecclesiastes 7:1-13

Wisdom Says...

...plan for death so that you receive God's mercy rather than His justice. (2,4)

...determine not to be bought with money or a bribe. (7)

...use your time to finish what you have started (8)

Ecclesiastes 7:14-18

Be encouraged to...

Accept that there are highs and lows in the rhythm of our lives.

Enjoy the highs...Embrace the lows.

Be encouraged to...

Accept that good things will happen to bad people and bad things will happen to good people.

Being self-righteous leads to legalism.

Being self-centered leads to idolatry.

Ecclesiastes 7:19-29

Complete wisdom is elusive so in seeking it don't obsess over it.
Righteousness is unattainable so in striving to be righteous don't strive for perfection.

Ecclesiastes 8:1

Wisdom is seeing life from God's perspective.

Ecclesiastes 8:2-4

We should obey those in authority not because of our loyalty to them but to God.

Ecclesiastes 8:10-13

Those who fear God will do well in this life.

Ecclesiastes 8:11

The punishment for wrongdoing may not happen now but it will eventually happen.

Ecclesiastes 8:16–18

Be encouraged to...

Seek out wisdom but also trust that God is working in ways we cannot see.

Ecclesiastes 9:7–10

Be encouraged to...

Enjoy life as a gift from God.

Ecclesiastes 9:11–18

Society values wealth, appearance and success more than wisdom but wisdom is far better than them all.

Ecclesiastes 9:17–18 (The Message)

Be encouraged to...

Seek wisdom because it is a powerful tool in navigating daily life.

Strive most of all in life after wisdom.

For a deeper look at Ecclesiastes 10–11, check out our roots guide on Wednesdays at hiltonheadslandcc.org/roots