



Rock Point Church

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Big Idea: Wealth is never enough to give us what only worship can.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-20 (NLT)

¹ As you enter the house of God, keep your ears open and your mouth shut. It is evil to make mindless offerings to God. ² Don't make rash promises, and don't be hasty in bringing matters before God. After all, God is in heaven, and you are here on earth. So let your words be few.

³ Too much activity gives you restless dreams; too many words make you a fool.

⁴ When you make a promise to God, don't delay in following through, for God takes no pleasure in fools. Keep all the promises you make to him. ⁵ It is better to say nothing than to make a promise and not keep it. ⁶ Don't let your mouth make you sin. And don't defend yourself by telling the Temple messenger that the promise you made was a mistake. That would make God angry, and he might wipe out everything you have achieved.

⁷ Talk is cheap, like daydreams and other useless activities. Fear God instead.

⁸ Don't be surprised if you see a poor person being oppressed by the powerful and if justice is being miscarried throughout the land.

For every official is under orders from higher up, and matters of justice get lost in red tape and bureaucracy. ⁹ Even the king milks the land for his own profit!

¹⁰ Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! ¹¹ The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it. So what good is wealth—except perhaps to watch it slip through your fingers!

¹² People who work hard sleep well, whether they eat little or much. But the rich seldom get a good night's sleep.

¹³ There is another serious problem I have seen under the sun. Hoarding riches harms the saver. ¹⁴ Money is put into risky investments that turn sour, and everything is lost. In the end, there is nothing left to pass on to one's children. ¹⁵ We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can't take our riches with us.

¹⁶ And this, too, is a very serious problem. People leave this world no better off than when they came. All their hard work is for nothing—like working for the wind. ¹⁷ Throughout their lives, they live under a cloud—frustrated, discouraged, and angry.

¹⁸ Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life. ¹⁹ And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God. ²⁰ God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.

- **We think more money will satisfy us.**
 - **The problem with money is not that it talks... it's that it promises.**

- We think money will give us security and peace.
 - What we build our security on reveals what we truly worship.
- We think money will solve what is really a heart issue.
 - The stuff we own eventually starts owning us.

Worship God and use gifts... not the other way around.

John 15:1-11 (NLT)

¹ “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

⁹ “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy.
Yes, your joy will overflow!

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most in this week's message, and why?
2. How do you determine when you have "enough" in your current lifestyle or financial situation?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-11. Why do you think having more money often leads to having more appetite for things rather than feeling satisfied?
4. Read Ecclesiastes 5:12-17. What are the specific anxieties that come with trying to protect or maintain what we have accumulated?
5. Why is it so tempting to view our bank account or possessions as our primary source of security and peace?
6. Consider the idea that "if money is our security, loss becomes our apocalypse." How does your reaction to financial setbacks reveal what you might actually be worshipping?
7. Read Ecclesiastes 5:18-20. Since Solomon says work and wealth are gifts from God's hand, how does receiving them as "gifts" rather than "achievements" change the way we use them?
8. What is the difference between "spending" your life and "investing" your life for eternal purposes?
9. Read Matthew 6:19-21. What are some practical ways we can begin trading "plastic toys" (temporary things) for "eternal treasures" this week?
10. Based on our discussion, what is one area of your finances where you need to move from a mindset of ownership to a mindset of stewardship?