

Ecclesiastes

What Kind of People Ought You to Be?

Ecclesiastes 4

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Introduction:

- **Chapters 1 and 2** ... we look at the confusion, meaninglessness and hopelessness of a person who seeks to find fulfillment in life without seeking that fulfillment from God.
 - **Chapter 3** – The consequences of life outside of God's Will.
 - Two questions to ponder:
 - Can a person know God, yet not have Him present in their life?
 - Can a person really understand the deeper meaning of life without knowing God?
 - Why do we listen to the people who whisper in our ear ... "I know a god who can give you more than your God."
 - **Ecclesiastes 2:25**
 - Last week, I added two more questions:
 - Do we serve a God that is so SOVEREIGN, that He would allow man and his Free Will to do all the evil that he does ... **and YET** ... God can still turn man's evil into something good?
 - Is our God so POWERFUL, that you and I can truly rest in the fact that we know He is in control ... **and therefore** ... we can fully TRUST Him to work any situation to the good of those who love Him?
 - **2nd Peter 3:10-12**
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1. Evil and Envy:

- a. **Ecclesiastes 4:1-3**
- b. **Exodus 6-14**
- c. **Exodus 1:8**
- d. **Judges 6-7**
- e. **Matthew 11:28**
- f. **Matthew 28:20**
- g. **1st Peter 5:7**
- h. **Hebrews 13:5**
- i. I pray that you never confuse the presence of evil to mean the absence of the Comforter. Because that is far from the truth.
- j. The second part of this point is as damaging to people as oppression – Envy.
- k. **Ecclesiastes 4:4-6**
- l. **Ecclesiastes 2:4-9**
- m. **Ecclesiastes 4:5-6**

2. People Need People:

- a. **Ecclesiastes 4:8**
- b. Relationships bring enjoyment.
- c. People really do need other people.
- d. Ecclesiastes 4:12
- e. Psalm 27:27

3. The Popularity Problem:

- a. **Ecclesiastes 4:13**
- b. **1st Kings 2**
- c. **1st Kings 9**
- d. There is not a position in this world worth hearing – “I never knew you. Away from me you evildoer.”