

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 “Hoarders”

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-20.

Making the accumulation of wealth your ultimate goal is _____. **foolish**

The book of Ecclesiastes is a book of wisdom intended to keep us from _____. **Idols**

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-20. No matter how much money you make and no matter how much you have stored away, it will never feel like _____. **Enough**

Read verse 11.

The more money you make the more _____ you'll have wanting a piece of the pie. **Leeches**

Read verse 12. What do you think this means? **Let people discuss. It means the rich person's appetite more and aversion to loss keeps him up worrying about his wealth. They fret about investments that could bad or wealth that could evaporate.**

Read verse 13. Making the pursuit of wealth in life your idol will result in destruction to yourself. How does this happen?

Read verse 14. When wealth is our idol and we face a season where we could potentially lose some of our hoarded possessions, _____ begins to rule in our hearts. **Fear**

How does fear hinder us from following Jesus? **Let people answer. Fear makes us self-centered. It puts us in self-preservation mode, and we begin to make decisions to protect ourselves rather than decisions that would be best for others around us.**

Read verses 15-16. What can we take with us when we die? **Nothing**

Solomon's investment advice, the best investment advice we could ever receive is this: you are going to die.

We should build our lives on something more substantial and more eternal than wealth!

What is the risk of passing on your wealth to your children? **Enabling entitlement and poor stewardship.**

What is affluenza? What are the symptoms? **Entitlement, a lack of gratitude, and inability to empathize with others, prideful superiority over others.**

Based on the study that Brad referenced, what are the two things that are in the driver seat anytime someone is pursuing wealth? **Fear or greed**

God says there's another option than those two. Read verse 19.

God gives two gifts: _____ and _____. **Gratitude and the ability to enjoy wealth.**

In other words, the antidote to fear and greed is gratitude and generosity.

Questions to consider:

Are you offering any of your wealth to God in a way that would cause you to be welcomed into the homes of those that you would meet in Heaven?

Where is your security?

Where is your worth?

What is it that makes you wealthy?

When it comes to your money, is it just about fear or greed? Or is it about gratitude and generosity?

Pray, "Jesus, please help us absorb these verses. Help us change our hearts to be more grateful and generous so we may experience your joy."