

Life Under The Sun – Ecclesiastes

Chapter 3 Lesson 1

Life Under the Sun is Living Out of Sync with God

“To _____ *there is* a _____, a _____ for every _____ under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1 **everything** **season** **time**
purpose

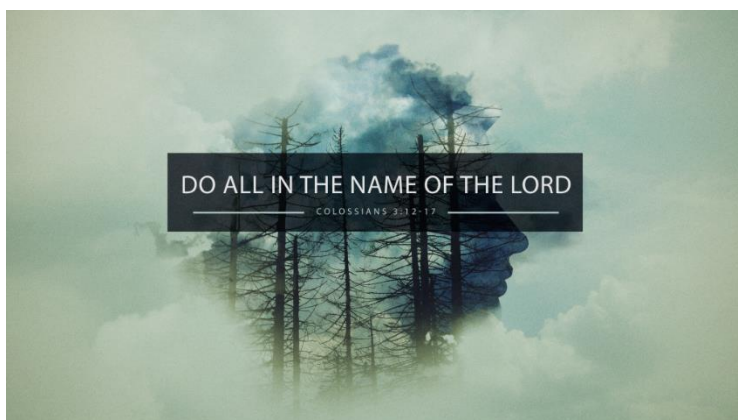
² A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted; ³ A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; ⁴ A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; ⁵ A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; ⁷ A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; ⁸ A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.”
Ecclesiastes 3:2-8

What does Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 mean: The works of men and women are subject, in their results, to God’s will. Therefore, every human project should be initiated and pursued under the perpetual banner, “If the Lord wills!” (Coffman Commentary adapted)



¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; ¹⁴ whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. ¹⁵ Instead you *ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." **James 4:13-15**

What does James 4:13,14 mean: Life is short, and not within our control. We must live prayerfully, looking for God’s will.



“And *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”
Colossians 3:17

What does Colossians 3:17 mean: We must recognize Jesus as the Lord of our life, thankfully saying and *doing everything* for His glory and honor.

What does Romans 8:28 mean: “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.” Romans 8:28

If we adopt and implement God’s purpose as the overriding objective in all we say, plan and do, then “all things” will “work together for good” in our lives.

THE GOOD



Are You Constantly Syncing Your Will to God’s Will

“My son, if you _____ my _____, and treasure my commands within you, ² So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *And* apply your _____ to understanding; ³ Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *And* lift up your voice for understanding, ⁴ If you _____ her as silver, *And* _____ for her as *for* hidden treasures; ⁵ Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, *And* _____ the knowledge of God.” Proverbs 2:1-5

receive words heart seek search find

“Your _____ is a to my feet *And* a _____ to my _____.” Psalm 119:105

Word lamp light path

“_____ in the Lord with _____ your _____, *And* lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, *And* He shall _____ your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

trust all heart direct

³³ But _____ the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”
Matthew 6:33 **seek first**

“If then you were raised with Christ, _____ those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. _____ our _____ on things above, not on things on the earth.” Colossians 3:1-2
seek set mind

² The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who _____, who _____ God.” Psalm 14:2 **understand seek**

“I love those who love me, And those who _____ me _____ will _____ me.” Proverbs 8:17
seek diligently find

