

The Book of ECCLESIASTES

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ECCLESIASTES 1

¹The words of the Preacher, son of David who was king in Jerusalem.
²"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher of all things,
 "It is vanity, so much vanity.
 Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."
³What does it profit a man when he takes the sum
 Of all his labor done under the sun?
⁴One generation passes, another generation comes,
 But the earth abides forever; the earth goes on and on.
⁵The sun rises and the sun goes back down;
 It hurries to return to the place it first came from.
⁶The wind goes toward the south, then turns about to the north;
 It whirls about continually, and by its circuit it returns.
⁷The rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full;
 To the place it came from it returns.
⁸All things are full of labor; man cannot utter it.
 The eye is not satisfied with seeing nor with hearing can the ear be filled.
⁹The thing that has been, is our expectation to be; what is already done, will be done again.
 Vanity all is vanity, there is nothing new under the sun!
¹⁰Is there anything that we can say, "See, this is new"?
 It has been already in times past, before me and you.
¹¹There is no memory of past things, neither will there be of things to come,
 by the generations coming after; they will remember none.
¹²I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.
¹³I gave my heart to seek and search out all things by wisdom,
 All things done under heaven, this bitter travail that God gave to the sons of men;
 This great burden that He has laid on us.

¹⁴I have seen all the works done under the sun;
 Behold all is vanity; it makes the spirit vexed.
¹⁵That which is crooked cannot be made straight; that which is lacking you cannot count.
¹⁶I communed with my own heart and said, "I have made it to a great status.
 I have gotten more wisdom than any in Jerusalem before me;
 My heart has great experience of wisdom and knowledge."
¹⁷I gave my heart to know wisdom, folly and madness;
 I perceived this too is vanity; it makes the spirit vexed.
*It is vanity, so much vanity;
 Vanity of vanities, all is vanity!*
¹⁸For in much wisdom is much grief;
 Increase knowledge and sorrows increase.
*It is vanity, all is vanity,
 So much vanity; vanity of vanities.*

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Even the wisest do not have ultimate wisdom, but is limited to the knowledge revealed.*
2. *You can get so caught up with routine that you take God as another routine instead of seeing the change He is and the change that He brings.*
3. *There is no end of new inventions under the sun, but there is nothing new under the Son, from whom all things come.*
4. *Inventions are not novelty, they are just mere discovery of God's awesomeness and mercy packaged in creation, awaiting discovery.*
5. *Build a memory in time, and time erases it; build a memory in eternity and time is erased leaving it standing still.*
6. *Life is a fight for significance that cannot be won unless you find Christ; life is a heavy burden that cannot be lifted unless you trade your yoke for His.*
7. *Your greatest assets can become your heaviest burdens unless you deploy them in the work of the cross; surrender it all.*

PRAYER POINTS

- O God, great God to whom all wisdom belongs; the answer to all mysteries is in You. Amen.
- Awesome God, You are my reason for living; life is meaningless without You. Amen.
- Jesus my Lord, in You all things consist; thank You for creating all things for us to enjoy and benefit from. Amen.

GATHER gold and silver and all peculiar
Treasures;
Build yourself great works, try enjoying

**pleasure;
Take consolation in your labor but you will
receive no peace,
For the sum of all the matter is vexation
and vanity!**

ECCLESIASTES 2

¹I said in my heart, "Arise, I will prove you with mirth; Arise and enjoy pleasure." This also is vanity; it did not work.

²I said of laughter, "It is mad!" and of mirth, "What good has this done?"

³I sought to give myself to wine while I acquainted myself with wisdom.

I sought to lay hold on folly so I might see what is good for men and right That they should do under the heavens, all the days of their life.

⁴I made great works, I built houses and I planted vineyards,

⁵I planted gardens and orchards with all kinds of fruit trees.

⁶I made me pools of waters to water the woods where I grew trees.

⁷I acquired servants, both male and maids; born in my house were some of these.

I had great possessions of cattle: cattle small and cattle great;

It was above all who were in Jerusalem before me ever possessed.

⁸I gathered gold and silver and treasures of kings and of the provinces.

I got men and women singers, the delights of men; I got me them.

As for musical instruments, I got them of all sorts.

⁹So I was great and I increased more than any who were in Jerusalem before me ever did.

My wisdom remained with me all the time.

¹⁰I took all that my eyes desired.

I did not restrain my heart from any joy, for in all my works my heart rejoiced.

This was my benefits of all my labor.

¹¹Then I looked on all the works that my hand did

And on all the labor that I labored for; all were vanities,

Vanity and vexation of spirit; none of it had enduring profit in this life.

¹²I turned myself to contemplate madness, folly and wisdom.

The man who replaces the king, what can that man do?

Even that which is done already, surely nothing new.

¹³I saw that wisdom excels folly as darkness is outshone in excellence by light.

¹⁴The wise man's eyes are in his head; the fool walks in darkness as in the dark night.

I perceived that one event will surely happen to them all,

¹⁵"It happens to the fool just as to I."

I said this in my heart,

"Why was I wiser then? This too is vanity,"

¹⁶For the wise will not be remembered more than the fool's memory.

That which now exists will be forgotten in days to come;

How does a wise man die? Just as the fool, his days are gone.

¹⁷Therefore I hated life, because to me the works under the sun are grievous;

Vanity and vexation of spirit is the sum of all of these.

¹⁸Yes, I hated all my labors that under the sun I have done,

Because I shall leave it to the man who will inherit all my works.

¹⁹And who knows if he will be wise or foolish?

Yet he will rule over all my works,

That which I showed myself wise doing, this is vanity and it hurts.

²⁰Therefore I caused my heart to despair of all my labor beneath the sun.

²¹One man labors in equity, knowledge and wisdom, yet leaves it for another man,

Someone who has not labored; this is vanity and an evil great.

²²What has man of all his labors and of the toiling of his heart?

²³For all his days are sorrows and his labors grief;

His heart does not rest at night; this is also vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for man than that he should eat and drink

And make his soul enjoy good in his labor; this is also from God.

²⁵For who can eat or who can hurry to do this more than I?

²⁶God gives wisdom, knowledge and joy to those who do good in His sight:

But to the sinner He gives hard labor, to gather and heap up,

That He may give to those who are good before God.

This too is vanity when it is summed up.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The pleasure you seek becomes pressure if you do not take pleasure in the Lord and in pleasing Him.*
2. *Pleasure that gives more and last forevermore is at the Lord's right hand.*
3. *A preoccupied pain makes you worst; it drives home the futility of your own efforts to solve your own problems. Preoccupation cannot fill the void of purpose-driven occupation.*
4. *Do everything that is in your heart, but unless God is the center of your heart you will lose heart for everything that you do.*
5. *If all your acquisition has no definition outside of personal ambition, it quickly loses its attraction and you lose your affection for it.*
6. *It is not what you do and how good you are at it, it is why you do it, and who you are doing it for.*
7. *Never drift from the house of God and from building His temple, (your body) or your life spent building your own dreams will be summed up*

as vanity (waste of time).

PRAYER POINTS

- Lover of my soul, You give me pure joy; I take pleasure in pleasing You Lord.
- Righteous Father, I will live at the place of pleasure, at Your right hand; be pleased with me. Amen.
- I cast my cares upon You Lord Jesus and pour my pain at the foot of the cross; give me the strength to go on. Amen.
- Most High God, I will do it for You and as unto You so that my life will be worthwhile and all my pursuits will have eternal value. Amen.

TO everything there is a season;
To every purpose there is time,
To plant and to pluck up,
To be born and to die.
There is nothing better in a lifetime,
So do good in your life: shine,
For God makes all things glitter
With beauty in its time.

ECCLESIASTES 3

¹To everything there is a season,
 For every purpose under heaven, a time:
²A time to plant, to be planted and to pluck up;
 A time to be born, a time to die;
³A time to kill, a time to heal;
 A time to break, a time to build;
⁴A time to weep, a time to laugh;
 A time to mourn, a time to dance.
⁵A time to gather stones
 And there is a time to throw stones away;
 A time to embrace,
 And a time not to embrace;
⁶A time to get, a time to lose;
 A time to discard, a time to keep;
⁷A time to tear, a time to sew;
 A time to be silent, a time to speak;
⁸There is a time to love, a time to hate;
 A time for war, a time for peace.
⁹What profit has a worker,
 From what he works for relentlessly?
¹⁰I have seen the responsibilities God has
 given to man, to engage and occupy him.
¹¹He has made all things beautiful in its time.
 He has set eternity in their hearts;
 But to the end, no one can fully conceptualize
 all His works.
¹²I know there is nothing better in them
 But for man to rejoice and do good in his life.
¹³Also, that every man should eat and drink
 And to enjoy the good of his labor is God's gift.
¹⁴Whatever God does is forever;
 Nothing can be added or taken from it;
 God does it that men should fear,
 That we will fear before Him.
¹⁵That which exist has been here before,
 That which will exist has already been.
 God requires that which existed before.
¹⁶Moreover, I saw the place of judgment,
 That wickedness was there,

And I saw the place of righteousness,
 And iniquity was there.

¹⁷"God shall judge the righteous and the
 wicked!"

I said this in my heart;

"For there is a time for every purpose
 And a time for every work."

¹⁸I said in my heart,

"Concerning the estate of the sons of men,
 So that they may see they are as the animals,
 May God manifest this to them."

¹⁹That which befalls man, happens also to
 animals.

Both man and beasts must die;

Man has no preeminence; they all have one
 breath.

"All is vanity!" I cried.

²⁰All go to one place,

They return to the dust from which they
 came, both beasts and men.

²¹Who knows the spirit of man that goes up,
 And the spirit of animals which goes down?

²²And I perceived that there is nothing better
 Than that man should rejoice in his own
 works,

For that is his portion.

For who can say what will happen when he is
 gone?

To everything there is a season;

Man should make his season count.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The right thing in the wrong timing yields the wrong result.*
2. *Playing in work time will cause you to be working in play time; work now and play later or play now and work later, but harder and for much less; you play catching up.*
3. *Missed timing causes missed opportunities.*
4. *Anything done out of timing will be outdone by time and undone in time.*
5. *The cost of missed timing can be very expensive measured in tangible and in intangible ways.*
6. *God does not turn with the shadow but He gives every good and perfect gift as the shadow turns; He makes everything beautiful not all the time, but in their time.*
7. *Human search for God is no coincidence; He fixed eternity in the human heart.*
8. *Enjoying your labor is God's gift to you, but it yields no real joy unless you invite God into your labors and enjoy Him.*
9. *God will call the past into account if we move pass His Son and make the cross of no account.*
10. *Wisdom in life differs from the wisdom for life; it is true wisdom to seek life.*
11. *Christ has broken the barriers of life and death to give us a complete vision of life, of death, and of life after death, so we may prepare.*

PRAYER POINTS

- O Holy Spirit, I submit to Your leading; place me on the Father's time clock. Amen.
- Most Righteous God, place the discipline of work and the wisdom of priorities in the heart of this generation. Amen.
- I refuse to miss any opportunity You have created

for me Father to gain, to give; to be a blessing, or to win souls. Amen.

**I CONSIDERED; many thoughts came to my mind;
The tears of the oppressed, their comfort denied.
One hand full and with peace and quietness
Is much better than two hands full, yet you are vexed.
I considered a rope made of three strands
And the strength that from numbers come.
A foolish king and his successors,
This too is vanity and vexation.**

ECCLESIASTES 4

¹So I considered all the oppression
That is done under the sun;
I beheld the tears of the oppressed;
I saw they had no comforter; none.
The oppressors had power on their side,
But the oppressed had no comforter or aide.
²Therefore I praised the dead already dead
More than the living still yet alive.
³Better is he than them both
Who have not yet been born,
Who have not seen the evil work
That under the sun is done.
⁴I considered: for every hard work and for every good work,
A person is envied by their neighbor;
This is also vanity and vexation of spirit,
More vanities under the sun.
⁵The fool folds his hands in slumber
And eats his very own flesh.
⁶Better is a handful with quietness
Than both hands full with hard work and a spirit that is vexed.
⁷And even more vanity; I looked and saw all this vanity in the earth.
⁸There is one alone without a second;
He has neither brother nor child,
Yet there is no end of all his labor,
Nor with riches are his eyes satisfied.
He is always asking, "For whom do I labor and deny my soul of good?"
This is vanity and very unfortunate.
It makes me wonder why he should.
⁹Two are better than one;,
For their labor they have a good reward.
¹⁰One will lift up his fellow
If they should ever fall.
Woe to him who falls when he is alone,
For he has no one to help.
¹¹If two lie together they have heat,
But if one is alone what warmth can there be?
¹²If one prevails against any of them,
Two can withstand.
A three-fold cord is not quickly broken;
Together they are strong.
¹³Better is a poor and wise child
Than an old and foolish king who will not be admonished;

What hope is there for him?

¹⁴For out of prison he comes to reign;
Therefore all born in his kingdom become poor.

¹⁵I considered all the living under the sun;
My thoughts were increased more and more.
And also, the second child to stand up in his place.

¹⁶Of the people in his domain, there is no end,
Those who were before him, that he ruled,
Yet those coming after shall not celebrate him.
Surely, this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *There is always someone who is in despair, who is oppressed, who craves for death above life; someone who needs the hope that you have.*
2. *It is best to work hard and make yourself enviable than to work in futility envying others.*
3. *Work the flesh and feast on meat, or preserve your flesh in laziness and feed on it in starvation.*
4. *Greed may create gain but will not satisfy if it creates the need for rest, happiness and peace; peace of mind is satisfaction.*
5. *Collaboration, cooperation and unity is Christ-centered if it is centered around Christ; He gives His word that He will be in the center of things.*
6. *Your net worth will be proportional to your networks; we need people.*
7. *The sacrifice of fools is commitment without continuity; there is no intent or ability to keep or follow through.*
8. *Never bind yourself to something you cannot bear; never give excuses for something you can excuse yourself from. Never make a vow you cannot keep, or it will keep you preoccupied.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Merciful Father, uplift the spirits of the oppressed today. Amen. I assign fire to every spirit of oppression targeting believers, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy God, let the spirit of envy be driven from the hearts of this generation; give them the courage to work hard, in the name of Jesus.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I assign fire to the spirit of laziness targeting our youths and children, in the name of Jesus.
- Great and Mighty God, You are enough for me; place contentment in my heart. Amen.

**YOU know him, yes, you know him!
You know a fool by his many words.
Be more ready to hear, ready to listen,
Than your desire to be heard.
When all your goods come with labor,
Then your sleep will be sweet.
If God gives you riches, rejoice;
It is a Godly gift.
Yet, here is a lesson for you to learn:
A fool is known by his many words.**

ECCLESIASTES 5

¹When you go to the house of God,
It is a time to restrain your foot;

Be more ready to hear
 Than to offer the sacrifice of fools,
 For they do not consider the evil they do.
²Do not be rash with your mouth;
 Do not have a hasty heart.
 Do not be hasty to utter anything before the
 Lord,
 For God is in heaven and you are on earth;
 Therefore, let your words be few.
³A dream comes through much business,
 And by his many words you know a fool.
⁴When you vow a vow to God,
 hasten to make it good;
 Pay that which you have vowed;
 He has no pleasure in fools.
⁵It is better you had not vowed
 Than you should vow and not pay.
⁶Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh
 to sin by the things you say,
 Neither say before the angel
 "This was an error; I spoke wrong!"
 Why should your excuse make God angry
 And He destroy the works of your hands?
⁷In the multitude of dreams and words
 There are great confusions, but fear God.
⁸Do not marvel if you see the poor oppressed
 Or the perversion of the violent man;
 If he perverts justice and judgment in a prov-
 ince,
 Marvel not; look to the Lord,
 For He who is higher than the highest regards
 it;
 He is higher than them all.
⁹The profit from the earth is for everyone;
 The king himself, is served by the field.
¹⁰Those who love silver will not be satisfied
 with silver;
 Nor those who love abundance, with increase.
¹¹When goods increase,
 The mouths to eat it increases;
 What good are they to the owner,
 except that his eye looks on and sees?
¹²The sleep of a hard working man is sweet,
 Whether it is little or much that he eats;
 But the abundance of the rich will not let him
 sleep.
¹³Under the sun I have seen it,
 An evil great and sore;
 Riches are kept for the owners
 But only to their hurt.
¹⁴By some evil work those riches perish;
 His son gets nothing in his hand.
¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb,
 Naked he shall return.
 He shall take nothing of his labor
 Which he may carry away with him.
¹⁶This also causes grievance;
 As he came so shall he go;
 What profit has he who labors for the wind?
¹⁷All his days he eats in darkness;
 With his sickness he has much sorrow and
 much wrath.
¹⁸This is what I have seen;
 It is very good for one to eat, drink and enjoy,

the good of his labor that he has toiled for,
 That he has gained all the days of his life,
 Which God gives him, for it is his portion.
¹⁹For every man to whom God has given
 wealth and riches,
 And the power to eat of it,
 And to take his portion and rejoice in his la-
 bor,
 This is a gift of God.
²⁰He shall not spend must time contemplating
 The days of his life at all,
 Because God gives him joy
 To occupy his heart.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Emotions should not drive your devotion; an un-
paid vow is deleterious. It is best to have an
unmade vow than an unpaid vow.*
2. *Your satisfaction is not based on how much you
invest, but how much your heart is invested;
satisfaction does not come from how much you
make in return but that your heart is happy with
the returns.*
3. *Money is a tool you control, it should not control
you; it is an instrument you use, it should not
use you; if you can trample on money, money
should not trample on you.*
4. *The love of money is a craze that causes evil, but
evil cannot control or contain and money cannot
satisfy. Money is not evil; the spirit of money is.*
5. *Your wisdom is not in how many words you can
say, but how effective you can communicate
without saying many words.*
6. *Your mouth is a leader by God's design; it has the
power to build or to break, to lead you into faith,
fame, favor or disgrace; do not let your mouth
lead you into sin.*
7. *Irrespective of what field you are in, celebrate the
workers in the fields because everyone is im-
pacted or affected by farming.*
8. *When you treasure wealth you lose sleep, it harms
you, and you lose your wealth. When you use
your wealth to treasure God you will never lose
your wealth or your sleep and you are guaran-
teed His protection.*
9. *Your best of toils is a buried dream when the soil
reclaims your naked frame.*
10. *God gives you the gift of attainment and fulfill-
ment, but until the gift acknowledges God, it will
never give you joy and fulfillment.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Holy and righteous God, I hold my word as pre-
cious as You hold Yours; I will pay my vows.
Amen.
- Tender and loving Father, I am satisfied in You; I
do all things from a satisfied heart. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, money shall
serve me and my kingdom; I refuse to let it
control me and separate me from my kingdom.
Amen.
- I love You Father with all my heart; my invest-
ment is in eternal things; my heart is on things
above. Amen.

**HE gives you riches, wealth and honor;
 Nothing is lacking to the soul,
 Yet you cannot eat of it;
 You are better off poor!**

**You beget a hundred children;
You live many years,
Yet you have no good nor do you get a
burial;
You were better off not here.**

ECCLESIASTES 6

¹There is an evil I have seen;
It is common among men;
²God gives a man riches, wealth and honor,
He has all he desires and need,
Though his soul lacks nothing
Yet of these he has no power to eat.
His wealth is laid up for the stranger's mouth;
This is vanity and an evil disease.
³If one begets a hundred children
And should live many years,
Yet his soul is not satisfied with goods
And he has no burial and no care,
Surely a stillborn is better,
⁴In vanity he comes and in darkness he de-
parts;
His name shall be covered with darkness.
⁵Moreover, the sun did not light his path,
And neither has he known any thing;
This has more rest than the other.
⁶Yes, though he lives a thousand years twice
told,
Yet he has seen no good in the land;
Do not all go to the same place?
⁷All the labor of man is for his mouth,
Yet the appetite is not filled;
What good is all the work?
⁸What has the wise more than the fool?
What has the poor who breathes and lives?
⁹Better is the sight of the eyes
Than to have wandering desires;
This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.
¹⁰That which has been is already named,
And it is known that it is man;
Vanities all the same.
Who can contend with one
Who is mightier than he?
¹¹What can make man better,
Seeing by many things vanity increases?
¹²Who knows what is good for man in this life
That is as a shadow is spent, yes, gone with
time.
Who can tell a man what will come after him;
What will happen when he dies?

CWDS Bible Quotes

- Wealth may come to you to pass through you, but it is not for you unless you enjoy its benefits.*
- Wealth is not truly wealth unless it is submitted to the king; riches is poor unless it is used to purchase the richness of the kingdom.*
- The length of life and the number of your offspring does not determine the worth of your life or the measure of your fulfillment.*
- Your toil may never satisfy the mouth, but the mouth can satisfy or alleviate the toil.*
- Pursue satisfaction and not abundance because abundance can never bring satisfaction but satisfaction is abundance at every level.*
- You can deny your health reality to gratify your*

roving appetite, but embrace reality to contain, constrain, and direct your appetite.

7. *Let wisdom direct your battles not your good intentions and great ability; choose your battles well or you enlist for the battle of wrong choices.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Living Word, I claim the pressed-down shaken-together and running-over blessings; pour into me so I may pour into others. Amen.
- Awesome God, give me the true riches that fills my heart with joy, I pray. Amen.
- My Father, my God, my life is complete in You; help me to contribute to this life, and to be a source of blessing to all my children. Amen.
- Most High God; I order my words so they will be productive and satisfy me. Amen.

**GO to the house of mourning
With the wise in heart;**

Reject mirth and lying,

And the crackling of the fool's laugh.

Go to the house of mourning;

Mourn for sin for it excuses none.

Go to the house of mourning;

Be strengthened by wisdom.

ECCLESIASTES 7

¹A good name is much better
Than precious ointments in worth;
The day of one's death
Beats the day of one's birth.
²To go to the house of mourning is better
Than to go to the house of feasting and revel-
lings,
For that is the end of all men,
And the living will meditate on it in his heart.
³Sorrow is better than laughter;
By outward sadness you make better the
heart.
⁴The heart of the wise is in the house of
mourning;
The heart of fools is in the house of mirth.
⁵It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise
Than for a man to hear the songs of fools.
⁶The fool's laughter is vanity,
Just as crackling thorns, which for cooking
are used.
⁷Oppression makes a wise man mad;
The heart is destroyed by bribes.
⁸Better is the end than the beginning;
The patient in spirit is better than those who
live in pride.
⁹Do not be quick to get angry,
For in a fool's bosom anger sits.
¹⁰Do not ask why the days that are past
Are better than the days that we live in.
You do not inquire wisely when you ask why
the days are getting worse.
¹¹Wisdom is good with an inheritance;
It profits those living on the earth.
¹²For wisdom is a defense;
Money is a defense, too, but hear this,
This is excellent knowledge:

Wisdom gives life to all those who have it.

¹³Consider all of God's works;
Who can straighten what He has made
crooked?

¹⁴In the day of prosperity be joyful,
But in the day of adversity consider, look;
God has set one against the other,
That man should find nothing after him.

¹⁵In the days of my vanity
I have seen all things.

There is a just man and a wicked;
Yet the just perish in his righteousness,
But the life of the wicked
Is prolonged in his wickedness.

¹⁶Never be too righteous,
Neither make yourself too wise;
Why should you do this
And destroy your own life?

¹⁷Never be too wicked,
Nor should you be a fool;
Why die prematurely?
Tell me, why should you?

¹⁸It is good to take hold of this;
From this do not withdraw your hand;
He who fears God shall come out of them
He shall forever stand.

¹⁹Wisdom strengthens the wise
More than ten mighty men behind city walls;

²⁰There is not a just man on the earth
Who does good and does not sin at all.

²¹Do not listen to every word that are spoken,
Lest you hear your servant curse you,

²²For oftentimes your own heart knows
That you yourselves have cursed others also.

²³I have proved all this by wisdom;
I said, "I will be wise!"

But it was very far from me;

²⁴So far and deep, who can find it out?

²⁵I applied my heart to know wisdom,
To search and to seek for wisdom and the reason
of all things,

To know the wickedness of folly,
Of foolishness and madness.

²⁶I found that more bitter than death is the
woman,

Whose heart is both snares and nets;
Her hands are bands of bondage.
From her whoever pleases God will escape,
But by her the sinner will be trapped;
He will be taken in her snare.

²⁷This I the Preacher have found out;
I have counted one by one
Just to find out the account

²⁸Which my soul seeks, but I do not find it.
Just one man of a thousand,
One man among a thousand I have found,
But among all I sought a woman
And I have found none.

²⁹"Behold, this only I have found out,
God has made man upright; in righteousness
standing strong,
But they have turned aside
And sought out many inventions."

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. Perfume smells good but in at times covers up what does not smell so good; a good name does not mean a good excuse, it is built on good works.*
- 2. Laughter is good, but when it denies or hides your reality, or lead you from it, it is deceptive.*
- 3. Pleasure builds pressure that explodes when the moment passes; pressure builds pleasure that remains. Pleasures forevermore are found at the Father's right hand.*
- 4. The source determines the worth; you are not too high for a rebuke, but you are too purposeful to drink the praise from a fool.*
- 5. Bribe corrupts the heart; a healthy heart avoids a haughty bribe.*
- 6. Seek solutions because it is not how it starts, but how it ends that matters.*
- 7. Embrace the age you live in and apply yourself, rather than regret or desire the age that does not applies to your current circumstance.*
- 8. The God who makes the good times and the bad times is the same good God; He never changes. It is best to stop chasing time and fix your heart on God, for time cannot restrict or restrain Him.*
- 9. Extremity is crisis-driven; it leads to further crisis and is far from where Christ is; avoid extremities.*
- 10. If it cannot help you, do not let it hell you; if you cannot change it, do not let it change you. If it does not challenge you, do not challenge it or pay it any attention.*
- 11. Principles will prevent you from the trap of the opposite sex shooting the bitter arrow of death.*
- 12. You cannot judge everyone based on your experience with some, but you can judge everyone based on their experience with Christ and their experience in Christ.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Merciful God, help me to order my ways and to guard my heart diligently so I may represent You at all times. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, I cast all my cares at Your feet and laugh with You at the light burdens You give me. Heal every hurting soul in the body of Christ. Amen.
- Jesus I take the pressure now to build for the future; I will carry my cross and follow You to glory. Amen.
- I stubbornly refuse to feed on praise, or to be fired up by flattery. Amen.

AMAN'S wisdom make his face to shine;
By boldness his face will be changed.
Though sinners do evil a hundred times,
And have prolonged days,
Fear the Lord; fear before Him.
Surely I know the time;
It shall be well with you,
For wisdom makes a man's face to shine.

ECCLESIASTES 8

¹Who is like the wise man?

Who knows the interpretation of a thing?

A man's wisdom makes his face to shine

And boldness to his face it brings.

²I counsel you to keep the king's command-

ments,

As You have made an oath to God.

³Do not be hasty to go out from his presence, and never agree to any evil or wrong, For the king does whatever pleases him.

⁴Where his word is, there is power.

Who can say to him,

“What are you doing?”

⁵Whoever keeps the commandments Will feel no harm.

A wise man’s heart discerns both time and judgment.

⁶Because to every purpose there is time and judgment,

Therefore the misery of man is great on him.

⁷For he does not know what is to come.

Who can tell him what shall be?

⁸No man has the power to retain his spirit, Neither has he power in the day of death.

In war there is no discharge, Nor shall the wicked be discharged by wickedness.

⁹All this I have seen

And applied my heart to every work on earth; There is a time one rules another to his own hurt.

¹⁰And so I saw the wicked buried; From the place of holiness they came and have gone.

This too is vanity; they were forgotten In the city where they had done wrong.

¹¹Because sentence against an evil work Is not executed speedily,

Therefore the heart of the sons of men is set to do evil continually.

¹²Though sinners do evil a hundred times And their days are prolonged,

I know for sure, It will be well with those who fear God, With those who fear before the Lord.

¹³But it will not go well with the wicked, Nor will he prolong his days;

His days are as a shadow, For the fear of God is not in his ways.

¹⁴There is a vanity done on the earth; Just men receive the same as the wicked, And the wicked man receives just what the righteous deserves.

I said, “This also is vanity; it hurts.”

¹⁵Then I commended pleasure, For a man has no better under the sun Than to eat, drink and to make merry, For this only of his labor will remain until his life is done,

Which God has given to him.

¹⁶When I applied my heart to know wisdom, To see the business done on the earth, Though one may not sleep day or night,

¹⁷Then I saw all of God’s works in the earth, Though a man labor to seek it out,

This he shall not find, And it shall neither be found Though it is sought for by the wise.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your situation or problem is not your desolation, wisdom makes your face shines because it has solutions.*
2. *As with the king so with the King of kings: obey His commands, never hurry to leave His Presence; never defend the wicked.*
3. *Everything you need from the king is found in his presence; everything you build with the king is found in his presence; so with the King of kings; grace has given you access to the throne; live there.*
4. *Your grand escape from His presences is your grant mistake, because you leave your future behind in His presence.*
5. *Education will take you places, but the king’s word will keep you there.*
6. *Never question the Lord because His word is the resolve of all questions. His word is supreme.*
7. *You cannot control your death or the time of it, but you can control your life and the condition of your soul at the time of death.*
8. *Release wickedness because it will never release you, just as an army never releases a soldier in the time of war. Wickedness is always at war for your soul.*
9. *Lord it over yourself and serve others, because lording it over others will serve to harm you.*
10. *Justice that is not swift is injustice; it may punish the act but it will not punish the fact (the real problem) it causes it to get worst.*
11. *It is not the name you carry that matters, but the name that carries you.*
12. *Pompousness without relevance is presumptuousness and insignificance.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Wisdom from above, be my constant companion, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- I love Your presence Father, I am in no hurry to leave. Amen.
- This power that gives me bold access to the throne of grace is not something I take lightly; I value this access to Your presence, Lord, and I will live here. Amen.
- Everything I am, I need or hope to be is in You Lord; I will wait on You. Amen.

THE race is not for the swift,
Nor is the battle for the strong.

A living dog is much better

Than a dead, lifeless lion.

Prepare, let your garment be white,

Let your head lack no ointment.

Choose wisdom, it is better than weapons of war,

For all men have a time appointed.

ECCLESIASTES 9

¹I have considered in my heart that all this I may declare

That the righteous and the wise and their works are in God’s hand and care.

No one knows love or hatred by anything they see before them.

²All things happen alike to all:

to the righteous and wicked there is one common event.

The same to the good, to the clean and the

unclean alike,

To the sinner and the just, to him who does and does not sacrifice,

To him who swears and to him also who fears an oath.

³This is an evil among all things that are done on the earth.

There is one event and to all it happens;

Yes, the heart of men is full of evil.

There is madness in their heart as long as they live,

And after that they all go to the dead and their breath eases.

⁴To him who is joined to all living, there is yet hope,

For a living dog is better than a dead lion.

⁵For the living know that they will die, But the dead does not know anything, nor do they have any more reward.

They are soon forgotten; their memory lost with time.

⁶Their love, hatred and envy are all perished and gone,

Nor have they a portion anymore in anything under the sun.

⁷Go your way, eat bread with joy, drink wine with a merry heart;

It helps to know God accepts your works.

⁸Let your head lack no ointment; let your garments be always white;

⁹All the days of your vain life that God has given you, live joyfully with your wife.

For that is your portion in this life,

And in your labor which you do in the earth.

¹⁰Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might,

For in the grave where you go there is no knowledge, wisdom, work or device.

¹¹I returned and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong,

Nor is bread to the wise, nor riches for those who understand,

Nor is favor to the skillful, but time and chance happen to them all.

¹²For man does not know his time; like fish that are taken in an evil net,

Like birds that are caught in a snare, the sons of men are snared in the evil time

When it falls suddenly on them and they have no place to hide.

¹³This wisdom have I seen also; it seemed great to me.

¹⁴There was a little city with few men; a great king came up and he besieged it.

He built traps against it.

¹⁵In it lived a poor man, but he was wise;

He delivered the city by his wisdom, but his wisdom was despised.

No one remembered the poor man.

¹⁶"Wisdom is better than strength," I said; "However, the poor man's wisdom was despised.

¹⁷The words of the wise spoken softly should

be heard,

More than the cry of him who rules over fools.

¹⁸Wisdom is much better than weapons of war,

And it is a lot of good that one sinner destroys."

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Whatever you do in life give all, give it your heart, give it everything, because in death you are done with life and life is done with you.*
2. *You may die like an animal but you do not have to live like an animal or be treated with fire like an animal in the after-life.*
3. *Work for the eyes of God, play for the passion of God; your works should be only presentable to you if it is acceptable to God.*
4. *Your portion in this life is to make the best of your marriage life; if you are going to do life together have fun doing it.*
5. *Whatever you find to do, do it with all your might; do not just make it a date, make it a life; do not just make it a moment, make it memorable; do not just make it a marriage make it mesmerizing.*
6. *It is not how you run that matters, it is who runs with you; it does not matter the time you run, but that it is your time to run.*
7. *It does not matter how correct you are, but how correctable, how corrected you are. It does not matter how correct you are, but how connected you are.*
8. *Do it to be remembered and you will be forgotten with those who are lost; do it for the souls and the lives of others and you will never be forgotten.*
9. *In the salvation of the city you will be saved; he who wins souls is wise; even if history and time forgets you, eternity never forgets.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I am determined that my life will count; the grave shall not be enriched with my potential. Amen.
- My body may rot like an animal in death, but my memory will not and my death shall be precious in the sight of God. Amen.
- May all my meditation, my words and my works be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord. Amen.
- Let the power to have happy marriages filled with deliberate and continuous fun activities be the portion of every believer, in the name of Jesus.
- All or nothing Father; I give my all, at all times, from my heart, so I may honor You always. Amen.

DO NOT remove that hedge; see, there is a serpent waiting to bite.

A little folly and your reputation stinks; Though you were known for your much wisdom,

A little folly spoils, just as dead flies.

A fool's mouth is full of words,

But his lips will swallow him.

A wise man's mouth is gracious,

Seasoned with salt, filled with precious things.

¹Dead flies causes the perfumer's ointment

To send forth a stinking smell
And even so, those who have a reputation for
wisdom and honor;

Falls into disrepute by a little folly as well.

²A wise man's heart is at his right hand;
A fool's heart is at his left.

³When the fool walks by the way
He tells all he is a fool, for his wisdom fails.

⁴If the spirit of the ruler rises up against you,
Do not rebel and leave your place,
For yielding pacifies great offenses and brings you
into grace.

⁵There is an evil that I have seen in the earth,
An error that from the ruler proceeds;

⁶the fool is set in great dignity
And the rich sits in a low place.

⁷I have seen servants on horses
While princes walk as servants in the earth.

⁸He who digs a pit will fall into it;
He who breaks a hedge will be hurt;
A serpent will surely bite him.

⁹He who remove stones may be hurt by it;
He who cuts wood, it may endanger him.

¹⁰If the ax is blunt, the harder you must try.
Yes, if the ax is blunt and the edge is not
sharpened,

The job will take more energy.
Wisdom is profitable; let it direct you to excel-
lence and efficiency.

¹¹The serpent will bite if it is not charmed;
The babbler is no better than this.

¹²The words of a wise man's mouth are gra-
cious,

But a fool is swallowed by his own lips.

¹³His words begin with foolishness;
The end of his talk is mischievous madness.

¹⁴A fool is full of many words.
What shall come after? No man can tell.

¹⁵All fools are wearied by their labor
For they do not know the way to the city;

¹⁶Woe to you, O land, when your king is a
young child

And in the morning your princes feast!

¹⁷O land, you are blessed when your king is
the son of nobles

And your princes eat at the time it is due.
They eat for strength, not for drunken plea-
sure;

O land, this is a blessing to you!

¹⁸A building decays by slothful negligence;
Through idleness of hands the roof falls
through.

¹⁹A feast is made for laughter; wine makes
merry,

Money answers all things; it speaks the truth.

²⁰Do not curse the king, no, not even in your
thought;

Do not curse the rich in your bedroom,
For a little bird may carry your voice,
And some creature with wings may speak the
matter out.

- flies is of no worth; it loses its fragrance and ap-
pear just like a life of wisdom with a little folly.*
2. *Wisdom is in your composure. If you lose your
composure it shows you do not have wisdom;
you cannot lose what you still retain.*
 3. *Your qualifications or wisdom do not determine
your promotion; favor does.*
 4. *If you challenge positions because you are much
more qualified, it disqualifies you for promotion.*
 5. *The hedge keeping you in may be restrictive, but
the benefits are in what it keeps out, keeps you
out of and keeps out of you; you break a hedge
and you open yourself to attacks of the serpent.*
 6. *Your progress may come with a price but the pay
is worthwhile in the end.*
 7. *More effort on equipping leads to less exertion, ef-
fort and energy in enacting and more efficiency
and returns in exacting.*
 8. *The words you multiply will subtract the respect
that you desire and add damage to your reputa-
tion.*
 9. *Skill and discipline in leadership is desirable for
any nation and enterprise.*
 10. *If you do not value what you have by disciplined
maintenance, it will worth less in value and
eventually become costly or worthless to you.*
 11. *It is best to be a blessing; think blessings for the
curses you contemplate are contemplating a
way to get you.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Merciful Father, I guard my heart diligently so
that I will represent You well; I will build my
character in Your presence and walk in Godly
fear. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, Your fruit in my life composes me and
characterizes my life; I refuse to manifest the
flesh and misrepresent You. Amen.
- I will walk in honor and in obedience to authority
Like David before Saul; my promotion is in You
Lord Jesus. Amen.
- Thank You for hedging me in Father; I am con-
strained by the cross and I appreciate it more
every day. Amen.

**HEY you! Why are you not sowing?
Why do you observe the wind?**

Cast your bread upon the waters;

It will come back to you again.

It is all by faith; you do not know,

**The way of the Spirit, or how a child's
bones grow;**

**Or the works of God who makes all things
go.**

**Cast your bread, for there are hidden
things working for you, that you really do
not know.**

ECCLESIASTES 11

¹Cast your bread upon the waters;
You will find it after many days.

²Give a portion to seven, to eight also;
You never know what mishap on the earth is
prepared.

³If the clouds are full of rain,
They empty themselves on the earth.
If a tree falls to the north or south,
It will remain where it hits the dirt.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Fragrant expensive works with small forgettable*

⁴If you observe the wind, you will not sow;
You will not reap if you regard the clouds.
⁵Just as you do not know the way of the spirit,
Nor how in the womb the bones of a child
grow,
Even so you do not know the works of God
Who makes all things unseen and known.
⁶Sow your seed in the morning;
In the evening do not withhold your hand;
You do not know which one will prosper,
Whether this or that, or both good or bad.
⁷The light is sweet and it is a pleasant thing
for the eye to see the sun.
⁸If a man lives many years of rejoicing,
Let him remember the days when darkness
had come;
There shall be many days of darkness;
All that comes is vanity.
⁹Rejoice, O young man, in your youth;
In these days let your heart cheer you.
Walk in the ways your heart dictates,
Walk in the sight of your own eyes,
But know that for all things and for the way
that you walk,
God will judge your deeds and heart.
¹⁰Remove sorrow from your heart,
Remove evil from your flesh,
For youth and childhood are both vanities;
The best thing to do is to cast your bread!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Your seed and your investment may leave your hand, but will have a magnified hand in your future.*
2. *Wrap your present in the future when you sow, to unravel presents in the future from your returns.*
3. *Keep seeding the heavens with praise, the outpouring is certain; when your cloud is full of water it pours.*
4. *Diversify your investment for safety and defense for a hit against your solitary investment can be intense.*
5. *When the conditions are beyond you, give it everything within you and look above to the hand that is above you to get the situation right irrespective of the conditions.*
6. *Your sowing is not subject to the conditions, it is subject to your heart.*
7. *You do not know how it happens but you know you can make it happen by your seed: your child, your crop, your prosperity.*
8. *You have freedom to pursue your own desires, and freedom to build your own life, but your freedom must be restrained by the word of God, because God will judge both your freedom and your works.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I want to be like You Father; You gave Your very best until it tore heaven apart; I will be a generous person. Amen.
- The only package I use to wrap my giving is the future; I refuse to live just for the moment, or to put what I have in the present above the promises of God. Amen.
- Most High God, I have great expectation of a holy outpouring from heaven in my life; I will fill

my clouds with faith, praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

- Father, You are my solitary investment; the wisdom to build and to retain wealth comes from You. Amen.

**REMEMBER your Creator in the days of your youth;
All the reflections of the Preacher, this he now concludes.
Vanity of vanities, I teach to everyone,
Fear God, keep His commandments;
That is the whole duty of man.**

ECCLESIASTES 12

¹Remember your Creator now, in the days of your youth,
While the evil days have not yet come
Nor the years draw near to you when you say,
“I have no pleasure, no pleasure in them at all.”
Now is the time, the time is now to remember the Lord:
²While the sun and the light, moon and stars at night
are not darkened yet,
Nor the clouds return after the rain has showed down its wet;
³In the days when the housekeepers tremble and strong men bow and stoop;
When those looking out the windows grow frail, and grinders cease for they are few.
⁴The doors will be shut in the street and the grinding sound is low;
One shall rise up at the bird’s voice;
and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;
⁵When they shall be afraid of that which is high, and of the fearful things in the way,
And the almond tree springs and the grasshoppers have their day;
When grasshoppers become a burden, and desires fail,
For man goes to his eternal home and in the streets mourners wail.
⁶Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken;
Or the pitcher is broken at the fountain,
Or the wheel at the well is in disrepair.
⁷Then the dust will return to the earth,
And the spirit returns to its giver, God.
⁸“Vanity of vanity,” says the Preacher, “all of this is vanity.”
⁹Moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he taught knowledge to all men;
He gave careful consideration to and sought out many proverbs, and for its correct use he organized them.
¹⁰He sought to find words acceptable; that which he wrote was upright and true.
¹¹The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails that by masters of assembly are fastened,
That are given by one shepherd;
¹²Be admonished my son by these.

Of making many books there is no end; much study makes the flesh weary.

13Let us conclude the whole matter; fear God and keep all His commands, For this is man's complete and entire responsibility;

It is the whole duty of man.

14For God brings every work into judgment with every secret thing,

Whether they are good or evil.

Remember your Creator! Now we conclude with this, fear Him!

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *Give your youth to God and He gives His strength to you; make Him your treasure and you will find pleasure at the peak of your pursuits.*
2. *God is so full of life that you need the fullness of your energy to fully absorb and appreciate Him in this life.*
3. *Run with Him when you are young, ride with him when you grow old; it is no fun or complete fulfilments to enjoy the ride without the run.*
4. *Wisdom did not come lightly and should not be taken lightly; you may not work for wisdom, but wisdom can work for you: find it, search it out, discover it, study it.*
5. *The conclusion of all life's search and pursuits is found in the entry exam of wisdom: fear God and keep His commandment.*

6. *Fearing God is not just a luxury, it is not just an optional responsibility, it is the entire complete duty of every human being.*
7. *Wisdom will teach you that everything you learn, acquire, or have access to is in Him, by Him, through Him and for Him; without Him there is nothing.*
8. *If it cannot be hidden from God then hide it with God and hide your life in God*
9. *He brings it into judgment then judges it by His standards and His word. Follow His heart or you will be surprised at how big a failure your big successes turns out to be.*

PRAYER POINTS

- My Father my God, I give You all of my years; my strength surges in Your deployment. Amen.
- Wisdom to serve God wholeheartedly, fall upon the youths of this generation, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- Marvelous Lord, God of wonders and works; I want to run with You and be a part of whatever You are doing in this season. Amen.
- My heart places a value on wisdom that price cannot pay; I will search for you, wisdom, every day of my life. Amen.
- Most high God, bring the youths in schools, universities and colleges to the conclusion of their search even before they initiate it, so they may live a fulfilled and a satisfying life. Amen.