

# The Book of ECCLESIASTES

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**Vanity of vanities, all is vanity!**  
**The river runs into the sea, yet the sea is not full.**  
**The sun rises and the sun goes back down.**  
**It is vanity, all is vanity!**  
**So much vanity; vanity of vanities.**

## ECCLESIASTES 1

<sup>1</sup>The words of the Preacher, son of David who was king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher of all things.

"It is vanity, so much vanity.  
 Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

<sup>3</sup>What does it profit a man when he takes the sum

of all his labor done under the sun?

<sup>4</sup>One generation passes, another generation comes,  
 but the earth abides forever; the earth goes on and on.

<sup>5</sup>The sun rises and the sun goes back down; it hurries to return to the place it first came from.

<sup>6</sup>The wind goes toward the south, then turns about to the north;  
 it whirls about continually, and by its circuit it returns.

<sup>7</sup>The rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full;

to the place it came from it returns.

<sup>8</sup>All things are full of labor; man cannot utter it.

The eye is not satisfied with seeing nor with hearing can the ear be filled.

<sup>9</sup>The 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!

<sup>10</sup>Is there anything that we can say, "See, this is new"?

It has been already in times past, before me and you.

<sup>11</sup>There is no memory of past things, neither will there be of things to come;  
 the generations coming after will remember none.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

<sup>13</sup>I 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.

<sup>14</sup>I have seen all the works done under the sun;  
 behold all is vanity; it makes the spirit vexed.

<sup>15</sup>That which is crooked cannot be made straight; that which is lacking you cannot count.

<sup>16</sup>I 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."

<sup>17</sup>I 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!*

<sup>18</sup>For 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 are 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 when time is erased it will leave 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.

**G**ATHER gold and silver and all peculiar  
**T**reasures.  
**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

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

<sup>2</sup>I said of laughter, "It is mad!" And of mirth, "What good has this done?"

<sup>3</sup>I 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.

<sup>4</sup>I made great works, I built houses and I planted vineyards,

<sup>5</sup>I planted gardens and orchards with all kinds of fruit trees.

<sup>6</sup>I made me pools of waters to water the woods where I grew trees.

<sup>7</sup>I acquired servants, both male and female; 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.

<sup>8</sup>I 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 these.

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

<sup>9</sup>So 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.

<sup>10</sup>I 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.

<sup>11</sup>Then 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.

<sup>12</sup>I 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.

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

<sup>14</sup>The 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,

<sup>15</sup>"It happens to the fool just as to me also." I said this in my heart,

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

<sup>16</sup>For 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.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore 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.

<sup>18</sup>Yes, 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.

<sup>19</sup>And 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.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore I caused my heart to despair of all my labor beneath the sun.

<sup>21</sup>One 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.

<sup>22</sup>What has man of all his labors and of the toiling of his heart?

<sup>23</sup>For all his days are sorrows and his labors grief;

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

<sup>24</sup>There 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.

<sup>25</sup>For who can eat or who can hurry to do this more than I?

<sup>26</sup>God 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 satisfaction and lasts forevermore is at the Lord's right hand.*
3. *A preoccupied pain makes you worse; it drives home the futility of your own efforts to solve your own problems. Preoccupation is not the solution for your pain, only the grace of God and 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.

**T**O everything there is a season;  
**T**O every purpose there is time,  
**t**o plant and to pluck up,  
**t**o be born and to die.  
**T**here is nothing better in a lifetime,  
**s**o do good in your life: shine.  
**F**or God makes all things glitter  
**w**ith beauty in its time.

### ECCLESIASTES 3

<sup>1</sup>To everything there is a season,  
 for every purpose under heaven, a time:  
<sup>2</sup>a time to plant, to be planted and to pluck  
 up;

a time to be born, a time to die.

<sup>3</sup>A time to kill, a time to heal;  
 a time to break, a time to build.

<sup>4</sup>A time to weep, a time to laugh;  
 a time to mourn, a time to dance.

<sup>5</sup>A time to gather stones  
 and there is a time to throw stones away.

A time to embrace,  
 and a time not to embrace;

<sup>6</sup>A time to get, a time to lose;  
 a time to discard, a time to keep.

<sup>7</sup>A time to tear, a time to sew;  
 a time to be silent, a time to speak.

<sup>8</sup>There is a time to love, a time to hate;  
 a time for war, a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What profit has a worker,  
 from what he works for relentlessly?

<sup>10</sup>I have seen the responsibilities God has  
 given to man, to engage and occupy him.

<sup>11</sup>He has made all things beautiful in its time.

He has set eternity in our hearts,  
 yet no one can fully conceptualize all His  
 works from beginning to end.

<sup>12</sup>I know there is nothing better in them  
 but for man to rejoice and do good in his life.

<sup>13</sup>Also, that every man should eat and drink  
 and to enjoy the good of his labor is God's gift.

<sup>14</sup>Whatever 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.

<sup>15</sup>That which exist has been here before.  
 That which will exist has already been;

God will require accountability of the past.

<sup>16</sup>Moreover, I saw the place of judgment,

that wickedness was there,  
 and I saw the place of righteousness,  
 and iniquity was there.

<sup>17</sup>“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.”

<sup>18</sup>I 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.”

<sup>19</sup>That 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.

<sup>20</sup>All go to one place.

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

<sup>21</sup>Who knows the spirit of man that goes up,  
 and the spirit of animals which goes down?

<sup>22</sup>And 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; it is to your detriment if we move past 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

<sup>1</sup>So 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.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore I praised the dead already dead more than the living still yet alive.  
<sup>3</sup>Better is he than them both who have not yet been born, who have not seen the evil work that under the sun is done.  
<sup>4</sup>I 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.  
<sup>5</sup>The fool folds his hands in slumber and eats his very own flesh.  
<sup>6</sup>Better is a handful with quietness than both hands full with hard work and a spirit that is vexed.  
<sup>7</sup>And even more vanity; I looked and saw all this vanity in the earth.  
<sup>8</sup>There 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.  
<sup>9</sup>Two are better than one; for their labor they have a good reward.  
<sup>10</sup>One 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.  
<sup>11</sup>If two lie together they have heat, but if one is alone what warmth can there be?  
<sup>12</sup>If one prevails against any of them, two can withstand. A three-fold cord is not quickly broken; together they are strong.  
<sup>13</sup>Better is a poor and wise child than an old and foolish king who will not be admonished.

What hope is there for him?

<sup>14</sup>For out of prison he comes to reign; therefore all born in his kingdom become poor.  
<sup>15</sup>I considered all who are living under the sun; my thoughts were increased more and more. And also, the second child to stand up in his place.  
<sup>16</sup>Of 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 centred around Christ. He gives His word that He will be in the center of things where two or three agree.*
6. *Your net worth will be proportional to your net-works; 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 and hold you accountable.*

## 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.

**Y**OU 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

<sup>1</sup>When 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.

<sup>2</sup>Do 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.

<sup>3</sup>A dream comes through much business,  
and by his many words you know a fool.

<sup>4</sup>When you vow a vow to God,  
hasten to make it good.

Pay what you have vowed;  
He has no pleasure in fools.

<sup>5</sup>It is better you had not vowed  
than you should vow and not pay.

<sup>6</sup>Do 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?

<sup>7</sup>In the multitude of dreams and words  
there are great confusions, but fear God.

<sup>8</sup>Do not marvel if you see the poor oppressed  
or the perversion of the violent man.

If he perverts justice and judgment in a province,  
do not be surprised; look to the Lord,  
for He who is higher than the highest regards it.

He is higher than them all.

<sup>9</sup>The profit from the earth is for everyone.  
The king himself, is served by the field.

<sup>10</sup>Those who love silver will not be satisfied  
with silver;

nor those who love abundance, with increase.

<sup>11</sup>When goods increase,  
the mouths to eat it increases.

What good are they to the owner,  
except that his eye looks on and sees?

<sup>12</sup>The 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.

<sup>13</sup>Under the sun I have seen it,  
an evil great and sore:  
riches are kept for the owners  
but only to their hurt.

<sup>14</sup>By some evil work those riches perish;  
his son gets nothing in his hand.

<sup>15</sup>As 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.

<sup>16</sup>This also causes grievance;  
as he came so shall he go.

What profit has he who labors for the wind?  
<sup>17</sup>All his days he eats in darkness;

with his sickness he has much sorrow and  
much wrath.

<sup>18</sup>This 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.

<sup>19</sup>For 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 labor,  
this is a gift of God.

<sup>20</sup>He shall not spend much time contemplating  
the days of his life at all,  
because God gives him joy to occupy his  
heart.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

- Emotions must not drive your devotion; an unpaid vow is deleterious. It is best to have an unmade vow than an unpaid vow.*
- 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.*
- 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.*
- The love of money is a craze that causes evil, but which evil cannot control or contain and money cannot satisfy. Money is not evil; the spirit of mammon is.*
- Your wisdom is not in how many words you can say, but how effective you can communicate without saying many words.*
- 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.*
- Irrespective of what field you are in, celebrate the workers in the fields because everyone is impacted or affected by farming.*
- When you treasure wealth you lose sleep, it harms you, and eventually you lose your wealth. When you use your wealth to treasure God you will never lose your wealth or your sleep and you are guaranteed His protection.*
- Your best of toils is a buried dream when the soil reclaims your naked frame.*
- God gives you the gift of attainment and fulfillment, 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 precious 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 investment 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 get 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

<sup>1</sup>There is an evil I have seen;  
it is common among men:  
<sup>2</sup>God 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.  
<sup>3</sup>If 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.  
<sup>4</sup>In vanity he comes and in darkness he de-  
parts.  
His name shall be covered with darkness.  
<sup>5</sup>Moreover, the sun did not light its path,  
and neither has stillborn known any thing,  
yet he has more rest than this man.  
<sup>6</sup>Yes, 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?  
<sup>7</sup>All the labor of man is for his mouth,  
yet the appetite is not filled.  
What good is all the work?  
<sup>8</sup>What has the wise more than the fool?  
What advantage has the poor who breathes  
and lives in his good conduct?  
<sup>9</sup>Better is the sight of the eyes  
than to have wandering desires.  
This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.  
<sup>10</sup>That which has been is already named,  
and man has become has been already  
known.  
This is vanities all the same.  
Who can contend with one who is mightier  
than he?  
<sup>11</sup>What can make man better,  
since by many things vanity increases?  
<sup>12</sup>Who 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.*
- 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 that waste times and waste you.*

**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 will fill 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

<sup>1</sup>A good name is much better  
than precious ointments in worth.  
The day of one's death  
beats the day of one's birth.  
<sup>2</sup>To 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.  
<sup>3</sup>Sorrow is better than laughter;  
by outward sadness you make better the  
heart.  
<sup>4</sup>The heart of the wise is in the house of  
mourning;  
the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.  
<sup>5</sup>It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise  
than for a man to hear the songs of fools.  
<sup>6</sup>The fool's laughter is vanity,  
just as crackling thorns, which for cooking are  
used.  
<sup>7</sup>Oppression makes a wise man mad;  
the heart is destroyed by bribes.  
<sup>8</sup>Better is the end than the beginning.  
The patient in spirit is better than those who  
live in pride.  
<sup>9</sup>Do not be quick to get angry,  
for in a fool's bosom anger sits.  
<sup>10</sup>Do 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.  
<sup>11</sup>Wisdom is good with an inheritance;  
it profits those living on the earth,  
<sup>12</sup>for 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.

<sup>13</sup>Consider all of God's works.

Who can straighten what He has made crooked?

<sup>14</sup>In 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.

<sup>15</sup>In 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.

<sup>16</sup>Never be too righteous, neither make yourself too wise.

Why should you do this and destroy your own life?

<sup>17</sup>Never be too wicked, nor should you be a fool; why die prematurely?

Tell me, why should you?

<sup>18</sup>It 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.

<sup>19</sup>Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten mighty men behind city walls.

<sup>20</sup>There is not a just man on the earth who does good and does not sin at all.

<sup>21</sup>Do not listen to every word that are spoken, lest you hear your servant curse you.

<sup>22</sup>For oftentimes your own heart knows that you yourselves have cursed others also.

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

But it was very far from me;

<sup>24</sup>so far and deep, who can find it out?

<sup>25</sup>I 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.

<sup>26</sup>I 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.

<sup>27</sup>This, I the Preacher have found out, I have counted one by one

just to find out the account

<sup>28</sup>which my soul seeks, but I do not find it.

Just one just man of a thousand, one man among a thousand I have found, but among all I sought a woman and I have found none.

<sup>29</sup>"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. *Unlike a good name, perfume smells good but many times it covers up what does not smell so good; a good name is built on consistency and truth.*
2. *A good name does not mean a good excuse; you can anoint a frame but you cannot anoint a name. A name is just a name given by your parents; your good works gives you a good name and makes your ordinary name desirable.*
3. *Laughter is good, but when it denies or hides your reality, or lead you from it, it is deceptive.*
4. *Pleasure builds pressure that explodes when the moment passes; pressure builds pleasure that remains. Pleasures forevermore are found at the Father's right hand.*
5. *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.*
6. *Bribe corrupts the heart; a healthy heart avoids a haughty bribe.*
7. *Seek solutions because it is not how it starts, but how it ends that matters.*
8. *Embrace the age you live in and apply yourself, rather than regret or desire the age that does not apply to your current circumstance.*
9. *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.*
10. *Extremity is crisis-driven; it leads to further crisis and is far from where Christ is; avoid extremities.*
11. *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.*
12. *Your principles will prevent you from the trap of the opposite sex shooting the bitter arrow of death.*
13. *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.

**A MAN'S wisdom makes 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.**

<sup>1</sup>Who 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.

<sup>2</sup>I counsel you to keep the king's commandments,  
 as you have made an oath to God.

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

<sup>4</sup>Where his word is, there is power.  
 Who can say to him, "What are you doing?"

<sup>5</sup>Whoever keeps the commandments will feel  
 no harm.  
 A wise man's heart discerns both time and  
 judgment.

<sup>6</sup>To every purpose there is time and judgment,  
 therefore the misery of man is great on him.

<sup>7</sup>For he does not know what is to come.  
 Who can tell him what shall be?

<sup>8</sup>No 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.

<sup>9</sup>All this I have seen and applied my heart to  
 every work on earth.  
 There is a time one rules another to his own  
 hurt.

<sup>10</sup>And 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.

<sup>11</sup>Because sentence against an evil work  
 is not executed speedily,  
 therefore the heart of the sons of men is set to  
 do evil continually.

<sup>12</sup>Though 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.

<sup>13</sup>But 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.

<sup>14</sup>There 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."  
<sup>15</sup>Then 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.

<sup>16</sup>When I applied my heart to know wisdom,  
 to see the business done on the earth,  
 though one may not sleep day or night,  
<sup>17</sup>then 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 shine 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 worse.*
- 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 in You Lord; I will wait on You. Amen.

**T**HE 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

<sup>1</sup>I 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.

<sup>2</sup>All 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.

<sup>3</sup>This 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.

<sup>4</sup>To him who is joined to all living, there is yet hope,

for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

<sup>5</sup>For the living know that they will die, but the dead do not know anything, nor do they have any more reward.

They are soon forgotten; their memory lost with time.

<sup>6</sup>Their love, hatred and envy are all perished and gone, nor have they a portion anymore in anything under the sun.

<sup>7</sup>Go your way, eat bread with joy, drink wine with a merry heart.

It helps to know God accepts your works.

<sup>8</sup>Let your head lack no ointment; let your garments be always white.

<sup>9</sup>All 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.

<sup>10</sup>Whatever 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.

<sup>11</sup>I 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.

<sup>12</sup>For 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.

<sup>13</sup>This wisdom have I seen also; it seemed great to me.

<sup>14</sup>There was a little city with few men.

A great king came up and he besieged it. He built traps against it.

<sup>15</sup>In 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.

<sup>16</sup>"Wisdom is better than strength," I said.

However, the poor man's wisdom was despised.

<sup>17</sup>The words of the wise spoken softly should be heard, more than the cry of him who rules over fools.

<sup>18</sup>Wisdom is much better than weapons of war.

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 and 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 small 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.**

<sup>1</sup>Dead 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.

<sup>2</sup>A wise man's heart is at his right hand; a fool's heart is at his left.

<sup>3</sup>When the fool walks by the way he tells everyone that he is a fool, for his wisdom fails.

<sup>4</sup>If 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.

<sup>5</sup>There is an evil that I have seen in the earth, an error that from the ruler proceeds;

<sup>6</sup>the fool is set in great dignity and the rich sits in a low place.

<sup>7</sup>I have seen servants on horses while princes walk as servants in the earth.

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

<sup>9</sup>He who remove stones may be hurt by it. He who cuts wood, it may endanger him.

<sup>10</sup>If 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 excellence and efficiency.

<sup>11</sup>The serpent will bite if it is not charmed. The babbler is no better than this.

<sup>12</sup>The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious, but a fool is swallowed by his own lips.

<sup>13</sup>His words begin with foolishness. The end of his talk is mischievous madness.

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

<sup>15</sup>All fools are wearied by their labor for they do not know the way to the city.

<sup>16</sup>Woe to you, O land, when your king is a young child

and in the morning your princes feast!

<sup>17</sup>O 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 pleasure.

O land, this is a blessing to you!

<sup>18</sup>A building decays by slothful negligence. Through idleness of hands the roof falls through.

<sup>19</sup>A feast is made for laughter; wine makes merry.

Money answers all things; it speaks the truth.

<sup>20</sup>Do 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.

### CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. Evil always win when mixed with righteousness; folly always win when mixed with wisdom. There are no exception; contamination contaminates like dead flies in precious ointment even if it is just a minimal amount.*
- 2. The most expensive, unforgettable works mixed with forgettable influence becomes forgettable. Guard your heart and your environment.*
- 3. Wisdom is in your composure. If you lose your composure it shows you do not have wisdom. You cannot lose one and display the other you prove does not exist.*
- 4. Your qualifications or wisdom do not determine your promotion; favor does.*
- 5. If you challenge positions because you are much more qualified, it disqualifies you for promotion.*
- 6. 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. If you break a hedge you open yourself to attacks of the serpent, Satan.*
- 7. Your progress may come with a price but the pay is worthwhile in the end.*
- 8. More effort on equipping leads to less exertion, effort and energy in enacting and execution and more efficiency and returns in exacting.*
- 9. The words you multiply will subtract the respect that you desire and add damage to your reputation.*
- 10. Skill and discipline in leadership is desirable for any nation and enterprise.*
- 11. If you do not value what you have by disciplined maintenance, it will be worth less in value and eventually become costly or worthless to you.*
- 12. 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 determines who I am 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 constrained 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

<sup>1</sup>Cast your bread upon the waters;

you will find it after many days.

<sup>2</sup>Give a portion to seven, to eight also; you never know what mishap on the earth is prepared.

<sup>3</sup>If 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.

<sup>4</sup>If you observe the wind, you will not sow; you will not reap if you regard the clouds.

<sup>5</sup>Just 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.

<sup>6</sup>Sow 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.

<sup>7</sup>The light is sweet and it is a pleasant thing for the eye to see the sun.

<sup>8</sup>If 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.

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice, 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.

<sup>10</sup>Remove 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 in the present. What you present now have gone ahead to unravel presents in your future from its good 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 to increase its 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 you beyond the situation and 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

<sup>1</sup>Remember 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!

<sup>2</sup>while the sun and the light, moon and stars at night are not darkened yet, nor the clouds return after the rain has showered down its wet.

<sup>3</sup>In 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.

<sup>4</sup>The 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;.

<sup>5</sup>When 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.

<sup>6</sup>Remember 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.

<sup>7</sup>Then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit returns to its giver, God.

<sup>8</sup>"Vanity of vanity," says the Preacher, "all of this is vanity."

<sup>9</sup>Moreover, 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.

<sup>10</sup>He sought to find words acceptable.

What he wrote was upright and true.

<sup>11</sup>The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails that by masters of assembly are fastened, that are given by one shepherd.

<sup>12</sup>Be admonished my son by these.

Of making many books there is no end.

Much study makes the flesh weary.

<sup>13</sup>Let 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.

<sup>14</sup>For 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 nor can you have sincere fulfillment 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. *After all that batter you discover that all that matters is God and what is in His heart.*
7. *Fearing God is not just a luxury, it is not just an optional responsibility, it is the entire complete duty of every human being.*
8. *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.*
9. *If it cannot be hidden from God, then hide it with God and hide your life in God.*
10. *If He brings it into judgment, you must then judge it by His standards and His word. Follow His heart or you will be surprised at how big a failure your big successes turn 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 to 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. Let them initiate their pursuits by fearing You, so they may live a fulfilled and a satisfying life. Amen.