

Ecclesiastes 5 - Learning Contentment

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3:12-14 "I know that there is nothing better for them than to _____ and to do good in one's lifetime; moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor--it is the gift of God. I know that **everything God does will remain forever**; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has *so* worked that men should fear Him."

5:18-20 "Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun *during* the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward. Furthermore, as for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, He has also _____ him to eat from them and to _____ his reward and **rejoice** in his labor; this is the gift of God. For he will not often consider the years of his life, because God keeps him occupied with the **gladness of his heart**."

6:1-2 "There is an evil which I have seen under the sun and it is prevalent among men- a man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor so that his soul lacks nothing of all that he desires; yet God has not _____ him to eat from them, for a foreigner enjoys them."

9:7-9 "Go, eat your food with **gladness**, and drink your wine with a **joyful heart**, for it is now that God **favours** what you do. Always be **clothed** in white, and always **anoint** your head with oil. **Enjoy** life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun..."

NASB "God has **already** approved your works. Let your clothes be white **all the time**, and let **not** oil be **lacking** on your head."

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