

Emptiness of Education

Introduction: "Man has come up with a great deal of gadgetry in that time, but actually man doesn't know any more about _____ and wisdom than he knew three thousand years ago" (McGee).

- I. Education alone cannot solve life's _____ (Eccl. 1:12-15).
 - A. Solomon, being in the position of a king, had access to whatever he _____ in life.
 - B. Yet, even in his great position, his heart was not fully _____ toward the end of his reign.
 - C. It is never position or _____ which brings satisfaction to a soul.
 - D. Solomon's first great pursuit in this book was that of an _____.
 - E. We live in a culture which places great _____ on one's education.
 - F. Education is a wonderful privilege, but it is not an _____ in and of itself (Ro. 1:22).
 - G. Education is properly described as a "sore _____."
 - H. All learning needs to be done for the _____ of God.
 - I. "He became highly knowledgeable in the sciences, philosophy, history, the fine arts, the social sciences, literature, religion, psychology, ethics, languages, and other fields of human learning. But an alphabet of degrees after his name and a room papered with diplomas didn't give him what he was seeking" (MacDonald).
 - J. Sadly so, but some of the most educated men in the world are _____ in God's eyes (Ps. 14:1).
 - K. Certain things in life cannot be _____ with education.
- II. Education alone cannot bring _____ (Eccl. 1:16-18).
 - A. Solomon became _____ after obtaining such a great education (1 Cor. 8:1).
 - B. "It can inflate an individual like a _____ if he feels that he is a little smarter or better educated than those around him" (McGee).
 - C. Some Christians only have all the head _____ from the Bible.
 - D. Knowledge of God's Word is not all that is _____ of us (Jn. 13:17, 35; Jas. 1:22).
 - E. Solomon _____ both sides of the spectrum in life.
 - F. There are certain things in life that we are better off _____ knowing about (Deut. 12:30; Ro. 16:19).
 - G. Knowledge of evil can _____ your mind.
 - H. It was knowledge that destroyed the _____ of the Garden.

Conclusion: "Man can never learn the really important thing—he cannot know God by wisdom and philosophy. His knowledge of God comes *only* through revelation. You cannot take natural man and give him an education, expecting that education to solve the problems of his life. Philosophy and psychology cannot change human nature" (McGee).