

"A Time To Every Purpose"

Introduction: "If we cooperate with God's \_\_\_\_\_, life will not be meaningless. Everything will be 'beautiful in His time,' even the most \_\_\_\_\_ experiences of life" (Wiersbe).

- I. What Is \_\_\_\_\_ Man (Eccl. 3:1-11)
  - A. God has His ways of \_\_\_\_\_ us of who is really in control of life.
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ is a very precious resource (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5).
  - C. Timing can be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Activities are deemed \_\_\_\_\_ based on the timing of them.
  - E. There is a time and proper \_\_\_\_\_ for each activity.
  - F. Our culture would do well to learn the meaning of the word \_\_\_\_\_.
  - G. God brings different \_\_\_\_\_ into our lives in His perfect timing.
  - H. Through life there will be times of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - I. We must learn to \_\_\_\_\_ on God's timing; God is never in a \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 27:14; 37:34).
- II. What Is \_\_\_\_\_ Man (Eccl. 3:11-14)
  - A. Man is created in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God with an eternal soul.
  - B. Inside of every human heart is a \_\_\_\_\_ that only a relationship with God can fill (Jn. 4:14; 6:35).
  - C. It is only as we come to the Lord that we find the \_\_\_\_\_ to the big questions concerning life.
  - D. Life is to be viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
  - E. "If we believingly accept life as a gift, and thank God for it, we will have a better \_\_\_\_\_ toward the burdens that come our way. If we grudgingly accept life as a burden, then we will miss the gifts that come our way" (Wiersbe).
  - F. There are just certain things in life that we must realize cannot be \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. What Is \_\_\_\_\_ of Man (Eccl. 3:15-22)
  - A. Current events are often simply a \_\_\_\_\_ of history.
  - B. It is sad to see \_\_\_\_\_ in places where integrity is expected.
  - C. Injustice is nothing \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Nobody will get away with \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord; He sees everything (Prov. 5:21; 15:3).
  - E. Men and animals do share one thing in common—they both \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 49).
  - F. Yet, animals do not have eternal \_\_\_\_\_ as man does (2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23).
  - G. Again, Solomon is reminded that the \_\_\_\_\_ life is the one to be desired (Phil. 4:11).

Conclusion: "So, the Preacher asked his listeners to look up, to look within, to look ahead, and to look around, and to take into consideration time, eternity, death, and suffering. These are the four factors God uses to keep our lives from becoming monotonous and meaningless" (Wiersbe).