

Life Isn't Fair

Introduction: Solomon continues to _____ life, and he discovers how many places are filled with injustice. Life just isn't always what we consider _____.

- I. In the _____ (Eccl. 4:1-3)
- A. Unfortunately, sometimes an _____ person is unfairly punished for something he never did.
 - B. And other times _____ people get away with a crime.
 - C. Seeing _____ can bring great despair to your heart.
 - D. Believers must always remember that there is a God in heaven who keeps track of all the _____; He knows when we have been _____.
- II. In the _____ (Eccl. 4:4-12)
- A. In examining the work world, Solomon noted that "human activity and skill are motivated by the desire to outdo one's _____" (MacDonald).
 - B. Everybody seems to be in the rat race just so they can have something _____ and better than the family next door.
 - C. An industrious person may be the cover for what is really a _____ person.
 - D. They work all the time, but have no time left to _____ anything.
 - E. Then there are those who would rather not work and have _____.
 - F. God does not bless _____ (2 Thess. 3:10).
 - G. A _____ life between labor and rest is what we should desire.
 - H. This person "was productive in his work, but he was also careful to take time for _____" (Wiersbe).
 - I. Then there is the _____ man who has no family or friends, just his job.
 - J. All our _____ should be for the Lord and for others.
 - K. We need _____ from others; don't be a one-man-show.
 - L. There are _____ and _____ in numbers—having someone there to aid in the time of need (Judges 18:7, 28).
 - M. There is nothing spiritual in making yourself overly _____.
- III. In the _____ (Eccl. 4:13-16)
- A. Looking to the political realm again, Solomon realized that _____ is what is needed above anything else (Prov. 4:7).
 - B. "Wealth and position are no _____ of success, and poverty and seeming failure are no barriers to achievement" (Wiersbe).
 - C. With leadership, there will always be a new generation which arises and _____ of the leader.
 - D. The crowd which _____ you one moment will be the same crowd that later _____ you.

Conclusion: "Sensitive hearts in every age have been grieved to see the oppression that is carried out by men against their fellowmen" (MacDonald).