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Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:4-16

### "Our Portion"

- In Ecclesiastes 2 we discussed our "Portion." Do you remember that sermon or section of scripture? What was the point? (Pie example)
- God gave both the First Adam and the Second Adam (Jesus) work to do.
- If work was part of the Portion that God gives to all humanity, what does that tell us about the nature of work?
- What does that tell us about *how* we should work?
- Do you think we will work in heaven? Why or why not?
- What does 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 and 1 Timothy 2:1-4 add to our understanding of our God-given work and how we should carry it out?

Ecclesiastes 4:4 –

- How does this worker do their work?
- What motivates them?
- What becomes of their effort?

Ecclesiastes 4:5 –

- What distinguishes the fool from the worker in 4:4?
- What is the connection between idleness and "eating one's own flesh?"
- Is one (the worker or the fool) better? Why?

Ecclesiastes 4:6 –

- What words would you use to describe the person in 4:6?



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- How does 4:6 relate to 4:4?
- What differentiates the person in 4:6 from both the worker (4:4) and the fool (4:5)?
- How does Ecclesiastes 4:6 relate to Colossians 3:23-24?
- Ecclesiastes 4:6 tells us about something that is better than another. That led me to ask, "What does the Bible say is better?" Please see the list below.!

#### Ecclesiastes 4:8

- Ecclesiastes 4:8 states that the "eyes are never satisfied." Do you find this to be true? How so?
- Any ideas what will finally satisfy our eyes? (Hints below)<sup>ii</sup>

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#### **BETTER - *That which is better* ESV**

Ps 37:16 – Better is the little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.

Pr 12:9 – Better to be lowly and have a servant than to play the great man and lack bread.

Pr 15:16 – Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it.

Pr 15:17 – Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

Pr 16:8 – Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice.

Pr 17:1 – Better is a dry morsel with quiet than a house full of feasting with strife.

Pr 19:1 – Better is a poor person who walks in his integrity than one who is crooked in speech and is a fool.

Pr 27:5 – Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

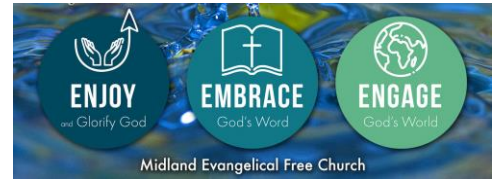
Pr 27:10 – Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.

Pr 28:6 – Better is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways.

Ec 4:6 – Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.



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Ec 4:13 – Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice.

Ec 6:9 – Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Ec 7:8 – Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

ii *What will satisfy our eyes?*

Matthew 5:8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> **“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

1 Corinthians 13:12 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Revelation 22:4 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

John 14:9 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, **“Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”**

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