

Prayer?

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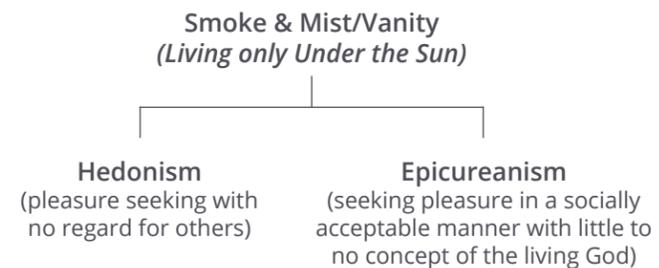
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Sermon.

Speaker: Pastor Buster Brown
Today's Message: Just a Little Bit More
Today's Text: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart." Ecclesiastes 5:10-20



Solomon had lived as an epicurean in his mid-life and now he is bitterly reflecting on that experience.

REGARDING WEALTH, from a recovering epicurean:

1. Money does not bring satisfaction. (v.10)
2. The pursuit of wealth is a "poor bed." (v.12)
3. Wealth brings no guarantees. (v.13-16)
4. The pursuit of wealth, as the primary goal of your life, can lead to a wretched life of vexation, sickness, anger and isolation.(v.17)

THE WEALTH CONUNDRUM

1. Wealth is a blessing from God, but is a horrid/appalling master. *"As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life."* 1 Timothy 6:17-19
2. We are called to live as stewards. *"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:19

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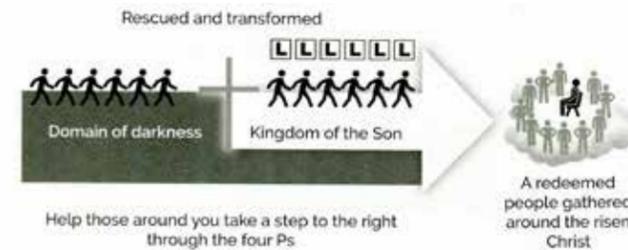
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3. The way a believer handles wealth is a barometer of his faith. (Hebrews 13:1-6)
4. We are called to a life of God-honoring, expectant enjoyment. (Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 and 1 Timothy 6:17-20)

APPLICATION:

- God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
In this situation, it is not 'what' is missing from Solomon's life, but 'Who' is missing.
- The importance of the Biblical tithe and keeping our hearts anchored to Christ, while not being seduced by the love of wealth. *"Tithing gives perspective. It reminds us that all we are and all we have is from God. Tithing is not a tip thrown mindlessly down on a table after a meal, but a meaningful expression of dependence upon God and gratitude to him. Tithing requires calculation. When we deal specifically with the amounts God has provided, we assess God's goodness to us. We literally count our blessings, thanking him for his generosity. Tithing was, and can still be, a built-in reminder - at every juncture of life - of our unlimited debt to God."*
Randy Alcorn, *Money, Possessions & Eternity*, p.179



The PERSEVERING PROCLAMATION of the gospel of grace PRAYERFULLY carried out by the PEOPLE of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why is wealth a wonderful blessing but a horrid master?
2. What steps are involved in the destruction of a life because of the epicurean pursuit of wealth?
3. Why does the Lord love a cheerful giver? (2 Corinthians 9: 7)
4. List three principles from 1 Timothy 6:17, 19.
5. Why is wealth a "poor bed"?



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OCTOBER 14, 2018

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Welcome.

We're glad you are here to worship with us. If you are new to East Cooper Baptist, we would love to meet you. Please stop by the Welcome Center following the worship services to say hello and let us answer any questions you may have. Thanks for being our guest.

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Traditional Worship / Sunday Bible Classes
Sanctuary 9:00a & 10:45a
Contemporary Worship / Sunday Bible Classes
Worship Center 9:00a & 10:45a



Next Steps.

1. Attend a Guest Luncheon

Get to know us better at our next Guest Luncheon and see what God has in store for you. You'll meet our pastor and some of our staff and enjoy fellowship with a great meal. Our next free luncheon is **January 13, 2019 at 12:15p** in the Gym. For more information, please contact Carol at carolw@eastcooperbaptist.com.

2. Find an equip•u Class

Our equip•u classes are groups that meet before or after the worship services to study the Bible in depth. Visit the Welcome Center to pick up an equip•u guide or go online to choose from a variety of classes. Register for track classes at eastcooperbaptist.com/classes.

3. Join a Community Group

An authentic biblical community provides a place where we can grow, learn, and serve as we seek to know Jesus. We have a variety of over 30 open groups from students to adults. Please go online today to locate a group near you. eastcooperbaptist.com/groups

4. Become a Member

Register online for our upcoming New Members Class on Saturday, **October 20th**. This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is a requirement for joining the church. We designed this class to clearly explain what we believe at East Cooper Baptist.

5. Serve in equip•them

Equip•them is the serving arm for Sunday morning ministries. We have nearly 600 opportunities to serve. Some needs require 15 minutes before the service, others may require the whole equipping hour. eastcooperbaptist.com/serve

Childcare.



We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Please take advantage of our nursery for children up to age three during the worship services. Our ushers are ready to assist you.



This Week.

For detailed information please go online.

SUN

OCT 14

Equip•u Classes
9:00a & 10:45a
ECCO Bag Collection
Drop off bags today at trailer
College Lunch
12:30p Gym

MON

OCT 15

Reengage Marriage Program
6:30-8:30p D-Wing Choir Room

TUE

OCT 16

Women's Bible Study
9:30-11:30a Worship Center
Worship Band Rehearsal
6:30p Worship Center

WED

OCT 17

WAM
6:30-8:00p A-Wing Classrooms
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal
6:30-8:00p Choir Room
MSM T4:12
6:30-8:00p Gym
Women's Bible Study
6:30-8:00p B218/B219

THU

OCT 18

Women's Morning Devotional
6:30-7:30a Welcome Center
Women's Marriage Study
9:30-11:30a D-Wing Choir Room
Young Adults Connect
7:00p Annex

FRI

OCT 19

Man2Man
6:20a Gym
CO SENT Conference
6:00-9:00p Gym

SAT

OCT 20

New Members Class
8:00a-1:00p D-Wing Choir Room
CO SENT Conference
8:30a-12:15p Gym

THIS MONTH: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of October we are featuring all of our local ministries in the area of helping those in need in our community. This includes ministries helping with the homeless and people or families in crisis situations. Stop by the kiosk in the Welcome Center to find information on ministries like:



YOUR COFFEE DONATIONS HELP TO SUPPORT THESE MINISTRIES.



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Upcoming.

For detailed event information please go online.

TODAY Have you considered serving others on Sunday mornings? We have many opportunities to serve. The Nursery is a vital ministry and one that is in need of volunteers. Go online today and sign up to serve. **REGISTER TODAY**



OCT 20 In this class you will learn more about what we believe as a church, ways that you can be more involved, and how you can become a member. This is a great way to get to know other people at ECBC. Childcare is available. **REGISTER TODAY**



OCT 26-28 Join the Young Adults as they head to Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC for our Fall Retreat! This is a great time to meet other young adults. Final Registration is October 21 and cost is \$85 per person. **REGISTER ONLINE**



OCT 26 Join in on all the fun at our annual Fall Festival! At this community outreach you'll find trunk-or-treating, music, and tons of fun. Plan to come with your family or group of friends and decorate your car. **REGISTER YOUR CAR TODAY**



NOV 1-4 Men, join us for hiking and camping in some of the best mountain scenery our country has to offer. Don't miss this "iron sharpens iron" ministry experience. Registration deadline is October 26th. Cost is \$45. **REGISTER ONLINE**



NOV 3 We invite everyone to this church-wide day of service where we will be loving on our community in the name of Jesus. We will work on projects like construction, craft making, painting, and yard work. **REGISTER ONLINE**



JAN 17-27, 2019 Volunteers will teach basic English to small groups (8-15 people per class). No prior teaching experience needed. The classes are a part of a larger church planting strategy of our partners in Bangkok. **APPLY TODAY**



APRIL 9-18 Were you aware that Baptists have a rich heritage and a long history in the Holy Land? Our itinerary will allow ECBC members to see biblical sites and baptist heritage. For more information go online today! **APPLY ONLINE**



NEW TO ECBC? After the service, stop by the Welcome Center

Please complete the perforated section and place in the offering plate or bring by the Welcome Center.

10.14.18

Hello.

If you're here for the first time, please come by our Welcome Center and say hello. We'd love to answer any questions and say thanks for being our special guest today.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00a 10:45a

I am a first time guest

Name

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Address

City

State

Zip

Mobile

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Email

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Preferred method of contact:

Call Text Email

Interested in the following:

- Become a Christian
- Join the Church
- Request a personal visit
- Subscribe to newsletter
- Join a Community Group
- Other