

ANCIENT WARNINGS FOR MODERN TIMES

(Ecclesiastes 5:1-20)

I. Do not _____ the _____ with _____ (1-7).

1. Approach God as a _____, not a _____.

2. Approach God with _____, not _____.

II. Do not _____ the _____ as the _____ (8-9).

1. Government is a _____ human _____.

2. A _____ government is better than _____ government.

III. Do not _____ on _____ for _____ (10-20).

1. The _____ of _____.

2. The _____ of _____.

Bottom Line: In _____ we _____, nothing else is _____.

Group Discussion Questions

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

1. Read Luke 18:9-14. Have you ever thought or prayed like the Pharisee? To whom was Jesus directing this parable (v. 9)? Can you identify?
2. How would you explain a healthy fear of the Lord? Have you ever made a hasty vow to God in a moment of desperation? How did that turn out?
3. Are verses 8-9 helpful to you in developing a realistic view of government? Why or why not? Read Romans 13:1-7. What do you learn about government and its purpose from this passage?
4. Given the author's warning in verses 10-20 how are we to maintain balance in regards to financial resources? How can you enjoy money and the things that money can buy without making it too important?
5. What stood out to you from the text or message that you would like to explore further? What will you do to apply this message this week?