

Text: Ecclesiastes 8:1-17
Topics: Authority, Evil, Submission, Wisdom
Series: Ecclesiastes: Words to the Wise

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Living in God's Providence

I. Concerning the Wise (1-9)

A wise person submits to authority.

II. Concerning the Wicked (10-13)

Amidst evil: fear God and trust God.

III. Concerning the Worry (14-17)

Enjoy what you can and leave the rest to God.

God's foremost providence for today is Jesus Christ!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. There is a lot of negativity and discontent in our world. Do you sometimes get drawn into it? What circumstances most tempt you toward discontent?

2. What authority, what response to it, and what reason for that response, is given in the following passages?

Romans 13:1-5

Hebrews 13:17

Ephesians 5:21-25

How would you define what should be a Christian's response to authority?

3. Sometimes submitting to an authority results in personal suffering. Read 1 Peter 2:18-25. What lessons are given for this kind of suffering?

Does this mean a person should subject their self to abuse? Explain.

4. What did Jesus say about joy in John 15:11; 16:24; and 17:13?

5. How is joy defined in Galatians 5:22; Romans 14:17; and Romans 15:13?

Do you have this New Testament kind of joy?

Do others see it in you? How do they know it comes from the Lord?

6. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?