

- A. The main texts in Ecclesiastes and a brief note on the usage.
1. Ecc 1:12-18 Solomon professedly wanted to know all that he could about everything and he gave his heart (his whole interest to the completion of the project done in the light of wisdom....the ability to use what you know to achieve what you desire.
 2. Ecc 2:34-26...real knowledge comes from God
 3. Ecc 5:18-20...knowledge is gained by experience and is sealed in the reality of God in His Heart
 4. Ecc 7:11-17..The reality of wisdom will show that it is not possible to govern all things well or perfect but it is a great aid in the understanding of truth and circumstance.
 5. Ecc 8:16-17..the work of God is more than one can master so we learn to be whole in what we know.
 6. Ecc 12:8-13...real and imperative knowledge is learned at the direction of a master teacher.

B, Summary Notes: **Knowledge**

1. as a thing in itself makes us aware of the futility in life in a world that is constant when we are not
2. disappoints in showing the life track
3. is superior to foolishness for it deals with reality
4. finds its full meaning in knowing the Lord...His gifts, His ways.
5. means virtually nothing in the sense of human values unless the :Lord is the central force known. One can know a lot of things but if one does not know the Lord one is not prepared to understand the meaning and intention of life.

- C. Conclusion: The greatest value in knowledge of the aspects of life is knowing The Lord. This knowledge will help us in adjusting all aspects of life and will give ultimate meaning to everything else.

#3...Being responsible in a shifting society...being a content, serving person

There is a great value in being a helpful, contented person who takes delight in serving others. My impression is that this is a life style that is learned both from the Scriptures and the examples of others. It is a theme in Ecclesiastes that is not immediately observed but....try to see it with us in this series.

A. The Scriptures: the main texts in their contexts:

1. Ecc 1:1-11 The writer surveys the stability of the universe. The most