

DVBS.....Valley Bible Chapel.....June, 2010  
Hints for the Household from Ecclesiastes,  
The work of Solomon

I. Some introductory material about our study:

A. Some details

- the book
- the author
- the essential message
- the practical application

B. The Hints as listed in our discussions

1. Beware of the kitchens, the garage, the den, The hint  
Don't let things dominate your life! (1-2)
2. Discipline your time to achieve your objects (3-4)
3. Enjoy the blessings of home and seek to produce  
Them. (5-6)
4. Cultivate wisdom in your relationships with  
Others (7-8)
5. Take advantage of what God has given...use it  
To the fill (9-10)
6. Invest yourself in others and accept the Word of  
The Lord for your orders. (11-12)

II. Marching On!

A Ecclesiastes 1-2...Beware the kitchen, the garage, the den,  
the "rec" room, the study, etc. The lesson is that you  
should not allow things to dominate your life

1. Chapter 1:1-11 says ordinary life is predictive and  
then vss 12-18 show note the difficulty of having  
enough knowledge to handle things. Your things

bring only fragmentary happiness.

2.

Chapter 2 finds one looking for help on the questions of things and why things do not give us the satisfaction we seek. (2:1-26) If we break it down it looks like this:

2:1-3 the procedure

2:4-10 the attainment 2:11 the assessment:

2:12-17a reversal 2:18-23 The frustration of  
life and things

2:24-26..A remedy:Enjoy what God gives;

## B. Conclusion

You may have every gadget, tool, device, but the household is not made perfect by things Build on the authority and benefits of God. Don't build your happiness on things.

ECCLESIASTES study 2

HINT: Discipline your time to achieve your goals...ch3-4

A. A gentle reminder is that the hints are for the household and the perceived truths are applicable to all. "Time" is a term defining the passing of an episode (please don't ask me to explain that) and we are often frustrateds by a shortage of it. In Biblical understanding time is an asset not a liability and must be used rather than abused. Time is measured by God and appropriated by us.

B. An understanding (Chapter 3)

1. In our world every thing has its "time"vss 1-15
  - a. the balance of life experience..1-9
  - b. the appointments are of God...10-14
  - c. our task: accountability....15
2. Observations on finality vss 16-22
  - a. a desire ....16-18
  - b.. a fact in or of life.....19-22
  - c...

C. Conclusion: Put your life into perspective 4:1-16

1. Inequities seem to abound...1-3
2. Concentrate on the rewarding aspects 4-16
3. Put your time on things that are better

HINT; Enjoy the blessings of “home” and help to produce them in time.:

- A. Honor the Lord..the giver and holder of life 5:1-7
  - 1. Live respectfully 5:1-3
  - 2. Live honestly 5:4-7
- B. Be practical---exercise good judgment 5:8-17
  - 1. Justice may come slowly but eventually 5:8
  - 2. Keep right values 5:9-11
  - 3. Enjoy simple blessings 5:12
  - 4. Observe frustrations and....5:13-17
- C. Trust the Lord: explicitly and implicitly 5:18-20
- D. Perplexities of life.....maybe,,6:1-12
  - 1. One may have it but cannot use it 6:1-2
  - 2. A long life but little respect :3-5
  - 3. Proverbs of life and death 6:6-10
  - 4. How can we know.....6:11-12

## 5. ECCLESIASTES..study 4..CHAPTERS 7-8

HINT: Cultivate wisdom in your relationships with others.

- A. The thrust is to know what is edifying in your circle. We are looking at the “household” but the circle may become much wider.
- B. The preferable situations 7:1-10 determine what is better
  - 1. 7:1
  - 2. 7:2
  - 3. 7:3
  - 4. 7:5
  - 5. 7:8
  - 6. 7:10

Choose the better things and you will  
Improve relationships..be sure not to  
Boast about it...it creates problems

- C. Make wise choices 7::11ff
  - 1. Wisdom 7:11-12
  - 2. Respect for the work of God 7:12-18
  - 3. Keep individual perspective 7:19-22
  - 4. Concentrate on human and wise behavior 7:23-29
- D. Stay humble before God and Others 8:1-17

## **ECCLESIASTES study 5.... chapters 9-10**

**HINT: Take advantage of what God has given--appreciate it to the fullest**

### **A. Introductory note:**

**It is important to know what God has given us and to enjoy and use it to the best for ourselves and others**

### **B. The chapter has both private and public ideals**

- 1. The knowledge of time and events 9:1-6**
- 2. The reality of home and abilities of life 9:7-10**
- 3. The importance of wisdom 9:11 ff**
- 4. And a lesson about service and position 9:13-18**

### **C. Conclusion:**

HINT: Invest yourself in others and take the Word of God for your orders!

A. Introduction:

Cheleth is moving to the conclusion of his advice. The household will be a place of blessing or distress depending on our response to the Lord.

B. Social advice... Chapter 11

1. Be generous 11:1-3
2. Be productive 11:4-6
3. Be attentive 11:7-8
4. Observe God's ways 11:9-10

C. Personal advice 12

1. Remember your Creator 12: 1-7
2. Honor the words of truth and the wisdom of God  
12:8-12
3. Execute your duties as assigned 12:13-14

Some final notes will be appended here but as of the moment of this composition no one knows what they will be.