

e. vss 13-18 ...constitute an illustration that reminds us we cannot expect great rewards or honors but must learn to be servants and expect the blessing of God on our efforts.

3. The Lessons of the Passage

a. Use every opportunity God gives, do not assume it unproductive or do not boast in the success that might come with it. (v. 10) This is the place of your service...be thorough in it.

b. Live a testimony for God, as one who has received great gifts from him. (vss 7-9) Don't concentrate on the things of complaint and do not allow the worldly spirit of a lack of contentment to be your expression (1 Timothy 6). Dare to show that which praises God in the course of life.

c. Be assured of God's favor but do not be presumptive (v. 15). God will honor the undertakings for Him...we cannot argue with Him about the results or the procedures.

d. Be appreciative of life..it is a limited quantity (this physical experience) so be glad for what God has given. Don't set your hopes on it...they are to be on God. But use this present life to honor Him and rejoice in His will.

4. Conclusion: Give yourself wholeheartedly to whatever God puts before you to do. That is using your life effectively...for God.

B. Invest Yourself in the Will of God

Ecclesiastes 11, Key: 11:1

1. Introductory Note

The concept of investment is a goone one...promoted in the use of life and the sharing of goods as well. Greed and selfishness are the great "killers" of effective Christian living and the challenge of this chapter is to avoid these errors by the