



Mist Giving

A Study of Ecclesiastes 6

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Introduction: We are currently engaged in a series of lessons on the book of Ecclesiastes. We have studied about how the Bible compares our life to dust, grass, shadow, vapor, breath, and a mist (a puff of air). James says, “*Your life is like a mist. You can see it for a short time, but then it goes away*” (James 4:14). Solomon is helping us to see we can’t grasp this little mist (puff of air). We can’t hold that mist in our hand. We can’t suck it back in or blow it out infinitely. The mist is only there for a short time and then it fades away. What should we do with our mist? We need to let go of our misgivings and start mist giving. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

- I. Mist Giving = Managing Your Expectations (vs.1-6)***
Philippians 4:13, Matthew 19:26, Mark 9:23, Mark 10:27, Mark 14:36, Mark 18:27, I Corinthians 10:13
- II. Mist Giving = Find the Silver Lining (vs.7-9)***
Proverbs 15:16, Proverbs 19:1, Proverbs 28:6, Luke 12:21, Matthew 6:19-20, I Timothy 6:9
- III. Mist Giving = Pro-Active Planning (vs.10-12)***
Luke 15:11-32, Acts 2:23, Romans 8:29-30, Ephesians 1:5, Ephesians 1:11, I Peter 1:2, James 4:13-17

Conclusion: Remember the poem entitled “There’s No Pocket in a Shroud.” There is so much good to be done in this world and the Lord has called us to do it! If you and I do not go out and perform good deeds, who else will? If we don’t pool our resources to help missions, Christian ministries, and great works, who else will? We need to set aside our misgivings... let go of the doubt, distrust, and apprehension about what people will do with what we give them and we need to start mist giving! Let’s give liberally to the work of the kingdom. Let’s help the weak and poor. Let’s listen to Solomon’s advice and stop worrying about accumulating riches, wealth, and honor. We need to seek God and His will for our life. We need to find our purpose.