

Part 8 - Holes in my Pockets

“Avoiding Financial Collapse in the Home”

... Theme

- What having more *really* brings;

- More brings more Expenses

Ecclesiastes 5:11 (tlb) *The more money you have, the more you spend, right up to the limits of your income...*

- More creates more Worries

Ecclesiastes 5:12 (gnb) *A working man... can get a good night's sleep. But the rich man has so much that he stays awake worrying!*

- More creates more Pain if it is lost

Ecclesiastes 5:14-17 (tlb) *... risky investments turn sour, and soon there's nothing left... It is all swept away. The rest of his life he's under a cloud - gloomy, discouraged, frustrated and angry.*

- What is God's way to avoid financial hardship?

1. Keep good records

Proverbs 27:23-24 (tlb) *Riches can disappear fast... so watch your business interests closely. Know the state of your flocks.*

2. Plan your spending (**Budget**)

Proverbs 21:5 (gnb) *Plan carefully and you will have plenty. If you act too quickly, you will never have enough.*

Proverbs 21:20b (gnb) *... stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it!*

3. Save for your future

Proverbs 21:20a (tlb) *The wise man saves for the future...*

Proverbs 13:11 (jb)"... he grows rich who accumulates little by little."

4. Tithe back to God

Proverbs 3:9-10 (tlb) *Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns... To OVERFLOW!*

5. ENJOY what you have

Ecclesiastes 6:9 (gnb) *It is better to be satisfied with what you have than to always be wanting something else.*

Ecclesiastes 5:19 (gnb) *If God give a man wealth and property... he should be grateful and enjoy what he has worked for. It is a gift from God.*

...Take home point

Job 31:24, 28 *If I have put my trust in money, if my happiness depends on wealth... it would mean that I have denied the God of heaven.*