Ecclesiastes Bible Quiz

20 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. According to Ecclesiastes, what does much study do to the body?

Ⓐ Wearies it
Ⓑ Strengthens it
Ⓒ Improves it
Ⓓ Heals it

2. According to Ecclesiastes, what should young people do?

Ⓐ Be serious all the time
Ⓑ Follow the ways of their heart but know God will judge
Ⓒ Do whatever they want
Ⓓ Never enjoy themselves

3. According to Ecclesiastes 3:1, there is a what for everything?

Ⓐ A reason
Ⓑ A purpose
Ⓒ A place
Ⓓ A time

4. According to Ecclesiastes, what is better than strength?

Ⓐ Wisdom
Ⓑ Wealth
Ⓒ Fame
Ⓓ Youth

5. What does Ecclesiastes say about trying to grasp the wind?

Ⓐ It's meaningless
Ⓑ It's necessary
Ⓒ It's possible with effort
Ⓓ It's rewarding

6. What does Ecclesiastes say about making hasty vows?

Ⓐ Do not be quick with your mouth
Ⓑ Make them quickly
Ⓒ Make as many as possible
Ⓓ Never make any

7. Who is traditionally believed to be the author of Ecclesiastes?

Ⓐ Solomon
Ⓑ Ezra
Ⓒ King David
Ⓓ Moses

8. **What does Ecclesiastes 11:7 say about light?**

   Ⓐ It causes problems
   Ⓑ It's unnecessary
   Ⓒ It's harmful
   Ⓓ Light is sweet

9. **How does Ecclesiastes describe the advantage of knowledge over ignorance?**

   Ⓐ There's no advantage
   Ⓑ Knowledge is always harmful
   Ⓒ As light has advantage over darkness
   Ⓓ Ignorance is better

10. **What does Ecclesiastes say about the advantage that wisdom gives?**

    Ⓐ No advantage
    Ⓑ Only temporary benefit
    Ⓒ Wisdom preserves the life of its possessor
    Ⓓ Creates problems

11. **How does Ecclesiastes describe the relationship between work and rest?**

    Ⓐ Work is everything
    Ⓑ Never rest
    Ⓒ Better a handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil
    Ⓓ Rest is more important

12. **According to Ecclesiastes 8:15, what does the Teacher recommend?**

    Ⓐ To eat and drink and be glad
    Ⓑ Accumulate wealth
    Ⓒ Work constantly
    Ⓓ Worry about the future

13. **What does Ecclesiastes say about the relationship between wisdom and money?**

    Ⓐ Money is worthless
    Ⓑ Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter
    Ⓒ Wisdom and money are enemies
    Ⓓ Only money matters

14. **How does Ecclesiastes describe the wise person's relationship with their heart?**

    Ⓐ The heart always leads
    Ⓑ Ignore the heart completely
    Ⓒ A wise person's heart discerns both time and judgment
    Ⓓ The heart is always wrong

15. According to Ecclesiastes, what makes the heart of the sons of men fully set to do evil?

Ⓐ Bad company
Ⓑ Ignorance
Ⓒ Because the sentence against evil is not executed speedily
Ⓓ Poverty

16. What phrase appears repeatedly in Ecclesiastes to emphasize the transient nature of life?

Ⓐ 'Blessed are'
Ⓑ 'Under the sun'
Ⓒ 'In the beginning'
Ⓓ 'And it came to pass'

17. What is a unique aspect of Ecclesiastes compared to other wisdom literature in the Bible?

Ⓐ It primarily focuses on genealogies
Ⓑ It openly questions the meaning of life and the efficacy of human pursuits
Ⓒ It emphasizes human efforts as sufficient
Ⓓ It is written entirely in acrostic form

18. How does Ecclesiastes 7:29 address the theological problem of human nature?

Ⓐ Humans are beyond redemption
Ⓑ Human nature is improving
Ⓒ Humans are naturally good
Ⓓ God made mankind upright, but they have gone in search of many schemes

19. What does Ecclesiastes teach about divine judgment in relation to temporal injustice?

Ⓐ God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing
Ⓑ There is no divine judgment
Ⓒ Injustice proves God doesn't exist
Ⓓ Judgment only happens in this life

20. What does Ecclesiastes suggest about the legacy one leaves behind?

Ⓐ It is fleeting and uncertain
Ⓑ It is more important than fearing God
Ⓒ It guarantees happiness
Ⓓ It is eternal

Answer key: Ecclesiastes Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **A. Wearies it**

Ecclesiastes 12:12 warns: 'Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body.'

2. **B. Follow the ways of their heart but know God will judge**

Ecclesiastes 11:9 advises young people: 'Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.'

3. **D. A time**

Ecclesiastes 3:1 states: 'To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.'

4. **A. Wisdom**

Ecclesiastes 9:16 states: 'So I said, Wisdom is better than strength.' However, it notes that the poor man's wisdom is despised.

5. **A. It's meaningless**

Throughout Ecclesiastes, the phrase 'chasing after the wind' is used to describe futile human endeavors (Ecclesiastes 1:14, 2:11, 4:4).

6. **A. Do not be quick with your mouth**

Ecclesiastes 5:2 warns: 'Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.'

7. **A. Solomon**

Ecclesiastes is traditionally attributed to Solomon, known for his wisdom (Ecclesiastes 1:1, 1:12).

8. **D. Light is sweet**

Ecclesiastes 11:7 declares: 'Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun.'

9. **C. As light has advantage over darkness**

Ecclesiastes 2:13 states: 'I saw that wisdom is better than folly, just as light is better than darkness.'

10. **C. Wisdom preserves the life of its possessor**

Ecclesiastes 7:12 concludes: 'Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it.'

11. **C. Better a handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil**

Ecclesiastes 4:6 states: 'Better one handful with tranquillity than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind.'

12. **A. To eat and drink and be glad**

Ecclesiastes 8:15 states: 'So I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for mortals under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad.'

13. **B. Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter**

Ecclesiastes 7:12 states: 'Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it.'

14. **C. A wise person's heart discerns both time and judgment**

Ecclesiastes 8:5 states: 'Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm, and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure.'

15. **C. Because the sentence against evil is not executed speedily**

Ecclesiastes 8:11 explains: 'When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, people's hearts are filled with schemes to do wrong.'

16. **B. 'Under the sun'**

Ecclesiastes frequently uses the phrase 'under the sun' to discuss worldly experiences (e.g., Ecclesiastes 1:3).

17. **B. It openly questions the meaning of life and the efficacy of human pursuits**

Ecclesiastes is unique for its candid questioning of life's meaning and the futility of human efforts, contrasting with more optimistic wisdom books (Ecclesiastes 1:14).

18. **D. God made mankind upright, but they have gone in search of many schemes**

Ecclesiastes 7:29 provides a crucial theological insight: 'This only have I found: God created mankind upright, but they have gone in search of many schemes,' addressing the fall and human corruption.

19. **A. God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing**

Ecclesiastes 12:14 concludes that 'God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil,' providing ultimate resolution to temporal injustices observed throughout the book.

20. **A. It is fleeting and uncertain**

Ecclesiastes highlights the uncertain and fleeting nature of human legacy and achievements (Ecclesiastes 2:16).

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