

SERMON NOTES

“The Downside of Wealth and What to Do About It”

Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12

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I. Wealth has some massive downsides (5:8-17)

**A. It leads to oppression when people love it.
(5:8-9)**

B. It fails to provide ultimate satisfaction. (5:10)

C. It consumes more of your time and money. (5:11)

D. It creates anxiety. (5:12)

E. It disappears – in life and death. (5:13-17)

II. But wealth is a gift of God to enjoy. (5:18-20)

III. Wealth has more massive downsides (6:1-12)

A. It does not always lead to enjoyment. (6:1-6)

B. It does not end the needs it meets. (6:7-9)

C. It does not solve the mysteries of life. (6:10-12)

BIG IDEA: Enjoy the wealth God gives you, but don't overlook its massive downsides.