

SATISFIED

Part 5

Curing Affluenza

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20

THE AFFECTS OF AFFLUENZA

1. IT CAN CORRUPT YOU

If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still. The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields.

Ecclesiastes 5:8-9

2. IT CAN CONTROL YOU

1. The More You Have The More You Want

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

2. The More You Have The More You Consume

As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?

Ecclesiastes 5:11

3. The More You Have The More You Worry

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

4. The More You Have The More You Hurt

I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,

Ecclesiastes 5:13

5. The More You Have The More You Lose

or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit.

Ecclesiastes 5:14

People who set their minds and hearts on money are equally disappointed whether they get or whether they don't.

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3. IT CAN CON YOU

Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands. This too is a grievous evil: As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind? All their days they eat in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger.

Ecclesiastes 5:15-17

HOW TO FIGHT AFFLUENZA

This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

- PUT GOD FIRST
- PURSUE SATISFACTION IN LIFE OUTSIDE OF AFFLUENCE (Enjoy it! Just don't make it your god!)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:6-10