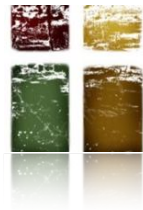


The Bible for you

Biblical, Authentic, Contextual, and Life-Changing.



Ecclesiastes 7:15-7:29

Things People Say: "Go Figure!"

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The Bible for Life Change

Making the connection between thinking and action

- ◆ How does verse 20 support or refute the idea that our right standing with God is based on more than external compliance?
- ◆ What practical insight is there in verses 21-22? How does this verse speak to a bigger, underlying issue of where you seek approval? How does pursuing the approval of everyone around us ultimately lead to folly?
- ◆ What can you do remind yourself of God's approval of you in grace?

1

The Bible for one

Taking a closer look at your own walk with Jesus

There are two ways outlined in our text - the way of the rule keeper and the way of the rule breaker. Think through your own journey with Christ. How have you seen the truth of today's message play out in your own life? Which of the two ways do you more closely identify with apart from Christ's rescue?

2

The Bible for two

To talk about with your spouse/partner

In what ways do you think you are a rule keeper or rule breaker in your relationship? How do you think a gospel centred life should behave?

3

The Bible with your family

To talk about with your children

Both of the ways outlined in the text must be rejected in favour a third way - a gospel-centered way that comes from above the sun - God in the person of Jesus Christ who came to earth and took the curse of brokenness and earthly futility head on and overcame them through his life, death and resurrection. Read Psalm 1 and outline the way of the righteous person.