

Pastor PJ Berner • Compass Bible Church • May 4-5, 2021 • Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

**A Shrewd Generosity**

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 **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read [Ecclesiastes 11:1-2](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.11.1-21.11.2). What does Solomon commend to his readers in these two verses?
2. Read [Psalm 112:5](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.19.112.5) and [Proverbs 19:17](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.20.19.17). What is the thought behind these verses regarding God’s response to our generosity?
3. Read [Matthew 22:36-40](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.61.22.36-61.22.40). How does this passage relate to [Ecclesiastes 11:1-2](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.11.1-21.11.2)?
4. Solomon is suggesting that generosity can serve as an answer to the search for significance in our work. How does generosity factor into your motivations to work hard?
5. Read [Ecclesiastes 11:3-4](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.11.3-21.11.4). This passage is addressed to the armchair philosophers of the world. What problem is Solomon addressing in this passage?
6. Read [1 Thessalonians 5:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.73.5.14). If you encounter a brother who happens to be observing the wind or pondering the clouds, what should you do with such a person according to this verse?
7. Read [Ecclesiastes 11:5-6](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.11.5-21.11.6). What principle of our labors is Solomon addressing in this passage?
8. How have you experienced the unpredictability of life in your work? How have you responded to these situations?
9. Read [Ecclesiastes 11:6](https://ref.ly/logosref/bible%242Besv.21.11.6) again. What is the wisdom being suggested in this verse? How might that translate from the farm fields of ancient Israel to today’s context?