

NORTH HILLS NOTES

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Solomon's Real Message

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No one can comprehend what goes on under the sun. Despite all his efforts to search it out, man cannot discover its meaning. Even if a wise man claims he knows, he cannot really comprehend it.

Ecclesiastes 8:17 (NIV)

FOUR RELATIONSHIPS WE NEED TO HONOR

1. We honor others through our WORK

Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both.

Ecclesiastes 11:6 (NLT)

If your boss is angry at you, don't quit! A quiet spirit can overcome even great mistakes.

Ecclesiastes 10:4 (NLT)

If a man is lazy, the rafters sag; if his hands are idle, the house leaks.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 (NIV)

2. We are to honor GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Do what your king commands; you gave a sacred oath of obedience. Don't worryingly second-guess your orders or try to back out when the task is unpleasant. You're serving his pleasure, not yours. The king has the last word. Who dares say to him, "What are you doing?" Carrying out orders won't hurt you a bit; the wise person obeys promptly and accurately.

Ecclesiastes 8:2, 4-5 (Message)

Don't bad-mouth your leaders, not even under your breath, and don't abuse your betters, even in the privacy of your home. Loose talk has a way of getting picked up and spread around. Little birds drop the crumbs of your gossip far and wide.

Ecclesiastes 10:20 (Message)

3. We are to honor THE HELPLESS/OPPRESSED

Next I turned my attention to all the outrageous violence that takes place on this planet—the tears of the victims, no one to comfort them; the iron grip of oppressors, no one to rescue the victims from them.

Ecclesiastes 4:1 (Message)

Again I looked and saw all the oppression that was taking place under the sun: I saw the tears of the oppressed—and they have no comforter; power was on the side of their oppressors—and they have no comforter.

Ecclesiastes 4:1 (NIV)

All this I saw, as I applied my mind to everything done under the sun. There is a time when a man lords it over others to his own hurt.

Ecclesiastes 8:9 (NIV)

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. . . . As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 (NIV)

Don't hoard your goods; spread them around. Be a blessing to others.

Ecclesiastes 11:2 (Message)

4. We are to honor GOD

. . . for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?

Ecclesiastes 2:25 (NIV)

Therefore stand in awe of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:7 (NIV)