

The Joy of Work In A Painful World

Ecclesiastes 2:17-25

Introduction:

How can we find joy in work?

I. When you make enjoyment **a priority** of your short life on earth. Ecc. 8:14-15

II. When you are **passionate** about what you do. Ecc. 9:10.

III. When you **balance** your work with **rest** by avoiding two extremes. Ecc. 4:4-6

- The extreme of **laziness**: Prov. 30:25
- The extreme of **greed**: Ecc. 7:2-4; 5:15

IV. When you seek the enjoyment of work as **a gift from God**. Ecc. 3:12-13; 5:18-20

Suggestions for getting enjoyment out of your work:

- Ask God for it.
- Revisit the joys of childhood
- Practice living in the moment.