"To know wisdom and instruction...
The fear of the Lord is
the beginning of knowledge."
Prov. 1:1, 7

Sins of the Tongue

15. What danger resulting from our speech is described in the passages listed?

a. 15:2; 12:23; 13:16; 10:19

- Talking too much
- Revealing foolishness and folly
- Many words lead to transgression
- b. 11:13; 16:27-28; 20:19
 - Strife due to slander, tale-bearing, and revealed secrets

Sins of the Tongue

15. What danger resulting from our speech is described in the passages listed?

c. 12:19, 22

 Distrust and displeasure of God due to lying lips

d. 27:6; 28:23

Deceitful flattery

Sins of the Tongue

15. What danger resulting from our speech is described in the passages listed?
e. 12:18; 18:6-7

Stirring anger with harsh and piercing words

Sins of the Tongue

16. How is the tongue described and what is the result of its proper use?

a. 10:31-32; 15:1; 12:18

- Righteous lips flow with wisdom
- Proper use is acceptable, brings healing, and turns away wrath

b. 15:4; 10:11; 16:24

- Tree and fountain of life
- Honeycomb
- Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones

Sins of the Tongue

16. How is the tongue described and what is the result of its proper use?

c. 15:7

The wise spread knowledge

d. 15:23; 25:11-12

 Words fitly spoken at the right time brings joy and good results

Sins of the Tongue

16. How is the tongue described and what is the result of its proper use?

e. 10:20-21

- Choice silver
- Many are fed or nourished
- f. 16:21, 23
 - Sweet when instructed by the wise heart
 - Persuasiveness or learning (NKJV)
 (NIV says "Gracious words promote instruction")

The Seductress/Evil Woman

- 17. Why is she such a danger?
 - Flatters with words (2:16; 6:24)
 - Words "drip with honey" (5:3)
 - Targets the vulnerable (7:7)
 - Crafty heart (7:10)
 - Making him feel special with enticing words (7:15, 21)
 - She has been the ruin of many (2:19; 7:26; 22:14)

The Seductress/Evil Woman

18. What are the results of yielding to her seduction?

- As an ox to the slaughter, a deer or bird to a trap, they follow unknowingly (7:22-23)
- The willing surrender of one's living (5:9-10; 29:3)
- Death and the grave (2:18; 5:5; 7:27;
 9:18)
- Lesson learned too late (5:11; 6:27-29)

The Seductress/Evil Woman

19. What steps can one take to avoid her tempting ways?

a. 5:8; 7:8-9, 25

Avoid her completely

b. 5:12-14

Heed the warnings

The Seductress/Evil Woman

19. What steps can one take to avoid her tempting ways?

c. 5:15-19; 18:22; 31:10ff

Learn to find satisfaction in your own spouse

d. 4:25; 5:20

Mind your eyes; learn self-control

The Seductress/Evil Woman

19. What steps can one take to avoid her tempting ways?

e. 5:21; 15:3

Remember the Lord

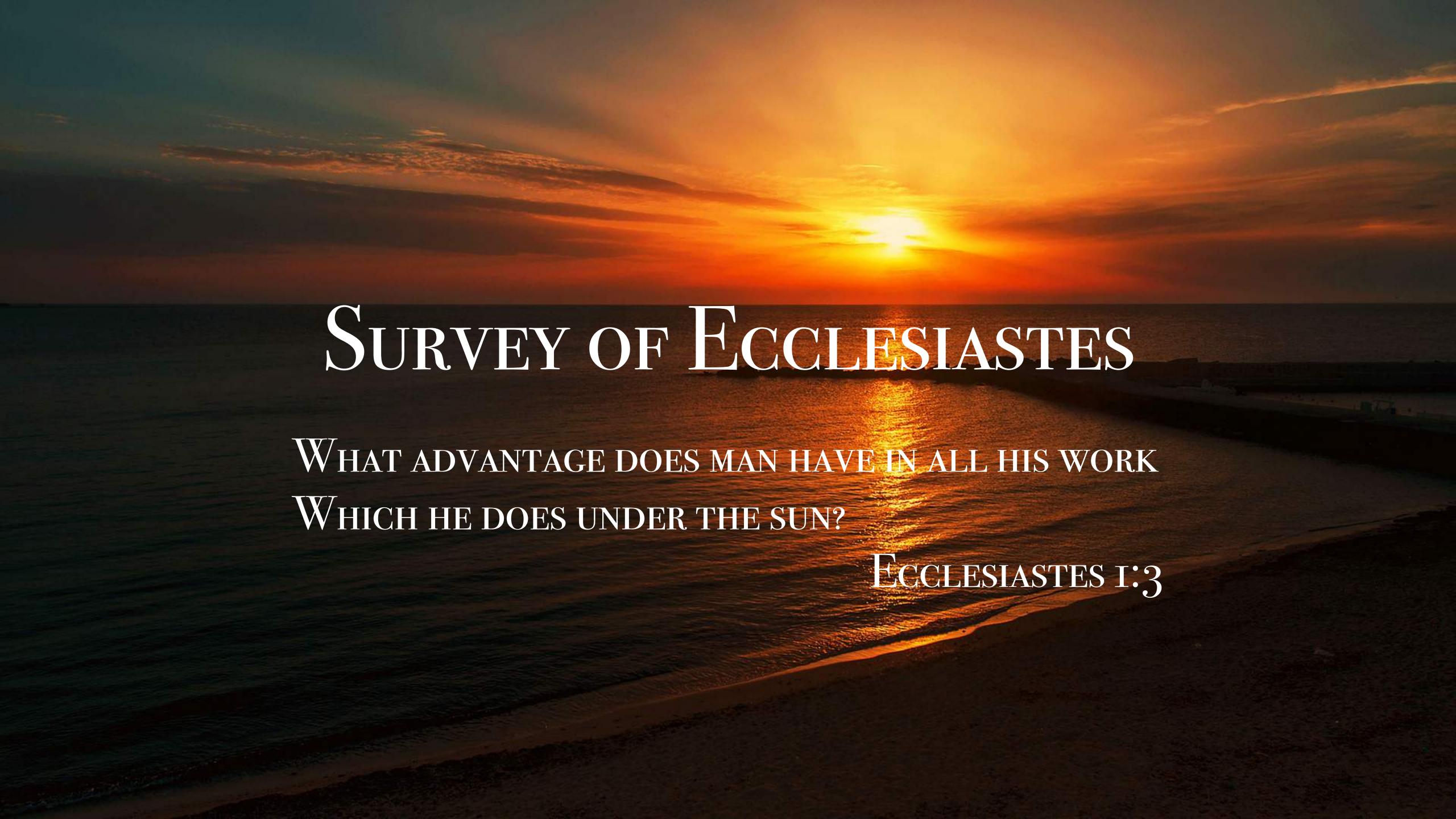
Fairness in Business

20. Why is it important how we conduct ourselves in our business dealings?

- Dishonest gain an abomination to God. (11:1; 20:10, 23). Honesty in business glorifies Him. (16:11; 11:1)
- Wealth gained dishonesty or in haste will not last (10:2; 13:11; 20:21; 21:6)
- Dishonest pursuits lead to ruin (21:6) and troubles one's own home (15:27)

Other Repeated Points in the Book

- Pride (16:18-19; 11:2; 18:12; 29:23)
- Wisdom over riches (3:13-15; 8:10-11; 18-19; 16:16)
- Value of the excellent wife (12:4; 18:22; 19:14; 31:10ff)
- Value of helping the needy (11:24-25;
 19:17; 22:9; 28:27)
- Importance of honesty (4:24; 8:7; 12:17; 21:28; 30:7-8)
- Dangers of strong drink (23:29ff; 31:4-7)



SURVEY OF ECCLESIASTES

- Disappointment and disillusionment or happiness and satisfaction?
- Described as:
 - Negative and pessimistic
 - Cynical, skeptical
 - Contradictory
- Actually:
 - Optimism and hope
 - Practical
 - Contradictory viewpoints

SURVEY OF ECCLESIASTES

About the Book

- 1. Who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes?
 - Subject for debate to many
 - Language
 - Never told of Solomon's repentance
 - "Was" king of Israel
 - "Son" of David could mean descendant
 - Never uses "Jehovah"

SURVEY OF ECCLESIASTES

About the Book

- 1. Who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes?
 - Solomon as the author
 - Sounds like Solomon
 - Looks like description of Solomon
 - Maybe not written at the end of his life
 - Weight/value of the message depends on it.