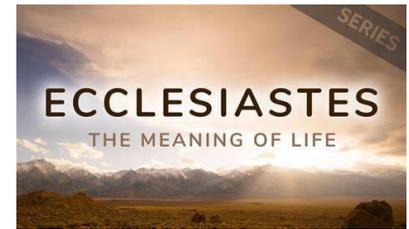


Questions Through Ecclesiastes

Lesson 5: What does it mean that there is a time to tear down and a time to build?

Ecclesiastes 3:3b



- * God deliberately _____ each moment to create the beautiful tapestry of our lives (v. 11).
- * Paired with “a time to kill, and a time to heal” is “a time to break down, and a time to build up”. In the original Hebrew, the words translated “break down” mean “_____.” The contrasting term “build up” refers to “_____.”
- * Solomon’s “time to break down” and “time to build up” refer to the processes of _____ and _____.
- * In a _____ sense, believers experience seasons of breaking down the old way of life and building up the new. Christians are to “put to death” or destroy the flesh—the “earthly nature” (Col. 3:5–10).
- * God has given us spiritual _____ (2 Cor 10:4–5).
- * The process of _____ involves the Holy Spirit working within us to rebuild and reshape us according to the pattern and image of Christ (Rom. 8:29–30). The apostle Peter describes the process in (1 Peter 2:5).
- * Those who are lifted up with _____ are destined to endure seasons of breaking down: “Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18, 18:12). The Bible speaks of a _____ road that leads to destruction for those who do evil (Matt. 7:13; Isa. 59:7; Isa. 28:22, Ps. 28:4-5).
- * Being torn down and destroyed is the _____ of the ungodly but building up is the _____ of the body of Christ, the church (Eph. 4:11–12, 16; 1 Cor. 14:12, 2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10; Rom. 14:19).
- * The words we speak ought not to be “_____” but instead “_____” for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen” (Eph 4:29, 1 Thess. 5:11; Rom. 15:2).
- * There are times when God must _____ up the fallow ground of sin in the believer’s heart (Hosea 10:12). He often uses painful seasons to _____ us and bring us back to Him in repentance (Prov. 3:11–12; Heb. 12:5–11).

* In _____ when you feel tore down, when everything seems to be falling apart, remember and trust that God is _____ your life on the firm, unshakable, and everlasting foundation of Jesus Christ (Matt. 7:24–27; Luke 6:46–49; 1 Cor. 3:10–17; Eph. 2:19–22).