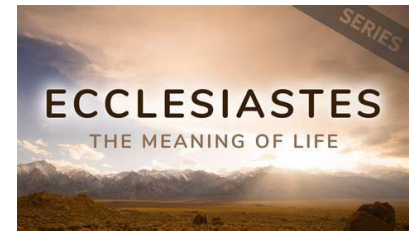


Questions Through Ecclesiastes

Lesson 6: What does it mean a time to Weep and a Time to Laugh and a Time to Mourn and a Time to Dance? Ecclesiastes 3:4



- * When we identify with one another in our _____ and _____, weeping and laughing together at the appropriate times, we prove the authenticity of our _____ affection and love.
- * Instead of distancing ourselves from the emotional experiences of others, genuine love _____ us to weep freely, to laugh out loud, to sing and dance, to enter deeply into their experiences, and to feel solidarity with those we care about, regardless of their mood.
- * While we live in this fallen _____, “a time to weep” is an inevitable part of the ongoing cycle of life.
- * The term _____ means “to move in a pattern; usually to musical accompaniment.” Humans weep and mourn at a funeral but laugh and dance at a wedding reception.
- * Here Solomon expresses the wisdom of admitting our own _____. At a funeral, we are forced to confront the inevitable fate of all humanity (Job 30:23; Heb. 9:27).
- * God gives us one opportunity—this life on earth—to know Him and receive His gift of _____. If we live only to party and have fun, we will be ill-prepared for eternity.
- * Seasons of _____ serve a good purpose—they remind us of our need to put our faith and hope in God (Ps. 39:4–7).
- * While seasons of mourning are painful, they provide _____ for us to see the weight of our sin and the depth of our spiritual bankruptcy.
- * Only when we truly recognize and feel sorrow over the _____ condition of our hearts can God’s grace and forgiveness be poured out on us.
- * There is a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time for sorrow and for celebration, for repentance and for refreshing. In the kingdom of God, those who mourn are _____ because they are destined to dance and celebrate at the marriage supper of Lamb (Rev. 19:7–10). They have had their hearts broken by their own and the depths of this world’s _____.