

Unscramble the words to finish this Christmas acrostic.

Hint: "His name shall be called..."

C	_____	MALEMUIN
H	_____	RUTTH
R	_____	GRIEVESON
I	_____	SHAMISE
S	_____	VISORA
T	_____	YOHL NEO
M	_____	REREDMEE
A	_____	SCRITH
S	_____	MATHGLIY

Merry Christmas!!

MY PRAYER REQUESTS

pray for:	Unsaved	Church	Missions	Family	Friends	Personal
The Lord's Day						
Mon						
Tues						
Wed						
Thur						
Fri						
Sat						

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

December 27 - January 2, 2009

WISDOM TO LIVE BY IN 2010



SELECTED SCRIPURE

THE LORD'S DAY

We have just celebrated Christmas and this week we will celebrate New Years Day and the last day of 2009. This week we are going to get some "New Years" advice from King Solomon in **Ecclesiastes 6**. The Bible tells us that King Solomon was the wisest man to ever live apart from Jesus Christ. We will tap into some of his wisdom this week.

Read: Ecclesiastes 6 -

What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Lord, Help me prepare for the new year by focusing on Your Word.

MONDAY

Take a look at the title of this week's study. Sadly, many people are wasting their lives by not living wisely pursuing and glorifying God. Solomon begins in **verse 1-2** with a problem that is "*common among men*" - "*having and not using.*" It is God who has given both good and bad things to all men. God is the One who gives and takes from both the wicked and the righteous.

Read: Job 21:7-26 -

What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Lord, Help me to understand Your sovereignty and graciousness.

TUESDAY

In **verse 3-6** Solomon gives us an example of what happens to a person who lives life focused on wrong things. So many people are not content with God's great provision. Even those who think they are poor have been given great blessings from the Lord. God is gracious and bestows good on all mankind even though they do not deserve it.

Read: Psalm 34 -

What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Lord, I thank You for being gracious to me and for giving me all I have.

WEDNESDAY

Verse 7 sums up the idea of wasting life. It tells us that working only for what will be consumed will leave a person with a lack of satisfaction. All the earthly self-centered effort that men put forth to make their lives "better" will never fill the emptiness in their souls. Only knowing and feeding on Christ will bring everlasting satisfaction.

Read: Jeremiah 9:23-24 & Matthew 16:24-26 -

What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Lord, Help me to find my satisfaction in You.

THURSDAY

Verse 8 tells us that there is no advantage to being wise or rich if your life is consumed with discontentment and unsatisfied desires. Even a poor man who lives effectively can avoid the discontentment and emptiness that comes from a self-gratifying lifestyle. Jesus gave us an illustration of a wasted life in **Luke 12**.

Read: Luke 12:13-21 -

What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Lord, Help me to be content with what I have and discontent with my fellowship with You.

FRIDAY

In **verse 9** Solomon explains that it is better to be content with what we have than to be ever covetous and discontented with what we don't have. Always grasping for more without contentment with God's gracious provision will never allow us to fix our desires on Him as we should. It's like "*grasping for the wind.*"

Read: 1 Timothy 6:6-21 -

What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Lord, Help me to trust You for my provision and be content with it.

SATURDAY

Solomon reminds us in **verses 10-12** that God is sovereign over all things. He knows what is best for us. There's an old poem that says: Only one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last. This needs to be our motto for this coming year and every year to follow. Have you done your best this year for God? What have you done that will "last forever?"

Read: Psalm 39:6-7 & Matthew 6:19-21 -

What principles in these verses can I apply to my life today?

Prayer Starter: Lord, Help me to "lay up treasure in heaven" this coming year.

memory verse

"But Godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content."

1 Timothy 6:6-8