

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus" John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Sharon Mihill | Papua New Guinea

PRAY

- Pray for Sharon's return to Papua New Guinea.

- Upon Sharon's return, she will be heading to Goroka to help a team develop a literacy program. Pray specifically for the two weeks we will be spending with this team to assist them in getting their literacy program put together

- After Goroka, Sharon will head to Kavieng to reconnect with the Madak Church and access ways to assist and encourage them.

PRAISE

- Praise God that Sharon will be able to have a wonderful time at home. It is a blessing to be with family and to get around to see some supporting churches.



winning at home



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Study Date: 03/16/25

Winning Balance At Home

Ecclesiastes 2:24 is about emphasizing the importance of finding enjoyment and fulfillment in everyday work and simple pleasures as blessings from God in the midst of life's challenges and uncertainties.

This verse highlights the importance of finding joy and satisfaction in our work. It suggests that when we are able to enjoy and appreciate our work, it can be seen as a gift from the divine. It reminds us that the ability to find fulfillment in what we do is a reward in itself. By relishing our work, we not only feel a sense of accomplishment but also experience a deeper level of meaning and purpose in our lives.

The Book of Ecclesiastes, traditionally attributed to King Solomon, delves into the profound questions of life's meaning and the best way to live it. It offers a reflective journey through the complexities of human existence, seeking to uncover wisdom amidst the uncertainties of the world.

Before arriving at Ecclesiastes 2:24, Solomon contemplates the vanity of labor and the pursuit of pleasure, grappling with the fleeting nature of earthly pursuits. However, this verse marks a pivotal shift in perspective, urging readers to find joy in the simplicity of everyday activities and appreciate the blessings that come with them.

Solomon's proclamation that "There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink" underscores the significance of cherishing basic, daily provisions. It prompts us to cultivate a spirit of contentment and gratitude, recognizing the value in the ordinary moments that make up our lives. Additionally, the call to "find enjoyment in his toil" highlights the importance of deriving satisfaction from our work, regardless of its nature. This aligns with the biblical principle of working diligently as unto the Lord, emphasizing the intrinsic worth of labor and the joy it can bring.

In a contemporary world fixated on material gain and external achievements, Ecclesiastes 2:24 serves as a poignant reminder to seek joy in the simplicity of daily life. It encourages a shift in perspective, urging individuals to find fulfillment in the ordinary moments and cultivate a spirit of gratitude for the blessings that surround them. By reflecting on the wisdom of this verse, we are reminded of the enduring value of inner peace and gratitude. Let us embrace the simplicity of life, trusting that true joy is found in the ordinary moments gifted to us by a gracious God.

Resource: godsblessing.org

KEY VERSE

Ecclesiastes 2:24 (NKJV)

“Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God.”

Read Ecclesiastes 2:17-24 Every Day!

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ecc. 2:24; Isaiah 40:31; Luke 10:41-42; Hebrews 10:25

Balance Your Home With Worship

1. What valuable lesson about “patience” and trusting God does Isaiah 40:31 teach us? What shall those who “*wait on the Lord*” receive?
2. What does the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:41-42 teach us about our worship? *What* did Mary choose that Martha did not?

Tuesday: Daniel 12:4; Deuteronomy 24:5; I Corinthians 7:32-33

Balance Your Home With Seasons

3. Daniel 12:4 tells of us running to keep up with the “*knowledge*” of today. How can God’s Word keep us “balanced” in this culture of technology?
4. What is I Corinthians 7:32-33 conveying to us about the “seasons” of our lives. What does it say about being single versus being married?

Wednesday: Acts 13:36; Eph. 5:16-17; I Tim. 5:8; I Cor. 16:15

Balance Your Home With God’s Will: Work/School And Ministry

5. What is Acts 13:36 telling us about *where* David’s inspiration for serving his people came from? *Whose* “*will*” did he follow in serving his kingdom?
6. What warning is I Timothy 5:8 conveying to those who do not “work” to “*provide for his own*”?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 9:9a; Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Exodus 20:12

Balance Your Home With Relationships

7. Ecclesiastes 9:9a tells us to “*Live joyfully with the wife that you love...*” For those who are married, how do YOU achieve this every day?
8. Parenthood is a great responsibility and a great opportunity to model “our Father in heaven” to our kids? How can we best achieve this? (Deut. 6:7)
9. Exodus 20:12 tells us to “*honor our father and mother.*” By doing so how do we lay a foundation for our children to follow in our footsteps?

Friday: Mark 6:31; I Corinthians 14:40; Psalm 90:12

Balance Your Home With Selfcare And With Time Management

10. Have you ever “skipped” your lunch at work? I have! Not a good practice! We need time away! What does Mark 6:31 tell us about taking a break?
11. How can the lesson in I Corinthians 14:40 help us to better maintain our schedule? What are the benefits of “*doing things decently and in order*?”
12. How can we learn to “*number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom*?” (Psalm 90:12). How can we make the most of every day?