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> THE REALITY: LIFE IS UNFAIR!

1. Criminals go ______.

Why do people commit crimes? Because crime is not punished quickly enough. Ecclesiastes 8:11 (GN)

2. The oppressed are _____.

Then I looked again at all the <u>injustice</u> that goes on in this world. The oppressed were crying and no one would help them ... Ecclesiastes 4:1 (GN)

3. Politicians are _____.

Don't be too upset when you see <u>the poor kicked around</u>, and <u>justice and right</u> <u>violated</u> all over the place. <u>Exploitation filters</u> <u>down</u> from one petty official to another. There's no end to it... Ecclesiastes 5:8 (MP)

I have seen under the sun. <u>Kings and rulers make</u> a grave mistake ⁶ when they give great authority to foolish people and low positions to people of proven worth. Ecclesiastes 10:5-6 (NLT)

4. Good people are ______.

Here's something that happens all the time and makes no sense at all: Good people get what's coming to the wicked, and bad people get what's coming to the good. I tell you, this makes no sense. Ecclesiastes 8:14 (MP)

5. Capable people are _____.

In this world fast runners do not always win the races... wise men don't always earn a living, intelligent men don't always get rich, and capable men don't always rise to high positions. Ecclesiastes: 9:11 (GN)

> THE REASON: WHY DOES GOD LET IT HAPPEN?

1. Because He gives me the _____

Then I used my mind to understand <u>what it really means to be wise</u>. And I wanted to <u>know what foolish pleasure is all about</u>... Ecclesiastes 1:17 (NIrV)

Today I'm giving you the choice of a blessing or a curse. ²⁷ You'll be blessed if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I'm giving you today. ²⁸You'll be cursed if you disobey... **Deuteronomy 11:26-28** (GW)

2. Because, in time, He will make _____

In due season God will judge everything man does, both good and bad.

Ecclesiastes 3:17 (LB)

3. To show me that _____

God is letting the world go on its sinful way so he can <u>test mankind</u>, and <u>so that</u> <u>men will see</u> that they are no better than beasts. **Ecclesiastes 3:18** (LB)

Certainly, there is no one so righteous on earth that he always does what is good and never sins. Ecclesiastes 7:20 (GW)

I know, GOD, that mere mortals can't run their own lives, That men and women don't have what it takes to take charge of life. **Jeremiah 10:23** (MP)

4. To ______ to that Savior.

<u>This made me hate life. It was depressing</u> to think that everything in this life is useless, like trying to catch the wind....²⁵ there is no one who has tried to enjoy life more than I have. And this is what I learned: The best thing people can do is eat, drink, and enjoy the work they must do. I also saw that <u>this comes from God</u>.²⁶ If people do good and please God, he will give them wisdom, knowledge, and joy. Ecclesiastes 3:12, 25. 26 (ERV)

> MY RESPONSE: WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO REMEMBER?

1. Remember that God is _____and _____.

Remember the One who created you. Remember him <u>while you are still</u> young.... <u>The years to come</u> you will say, "I don't find any pleasure in them." Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NIrV)

Remember your Creator before you return to the dust you came from. That's when your spirit will go back to God who gave it. Ecclesiastes 12:7 (NIrV)

I need God right _____, and I need Him_____

Training your body helps in some ways. Devotion to God helps you in every way. It brings you blessings <u>in this life and in the future life too</u>. 1 Timothy 4:8 (ERV)

2. Remember to ______and _____God.

That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: <u>Fear God and obey</u> <u>His commands, for this is everyone's duty.</u> Ecclesiastes: 12:13 (GN)

3. Remember that God has set a day to ______or ______.

God will certainly judge everything that is done. This includes every secret thing, whether it is good or bad. Ecclesiastes: 12:14 (GW)

We all have sinned... yet now God declares us `not guilty' ... if we trust in Jesus Christ who freely takes away our sins." Romans 3:23-24 (LB)

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