

# The Happiness Code

Week 13 – Happiness is in This Relationship

Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

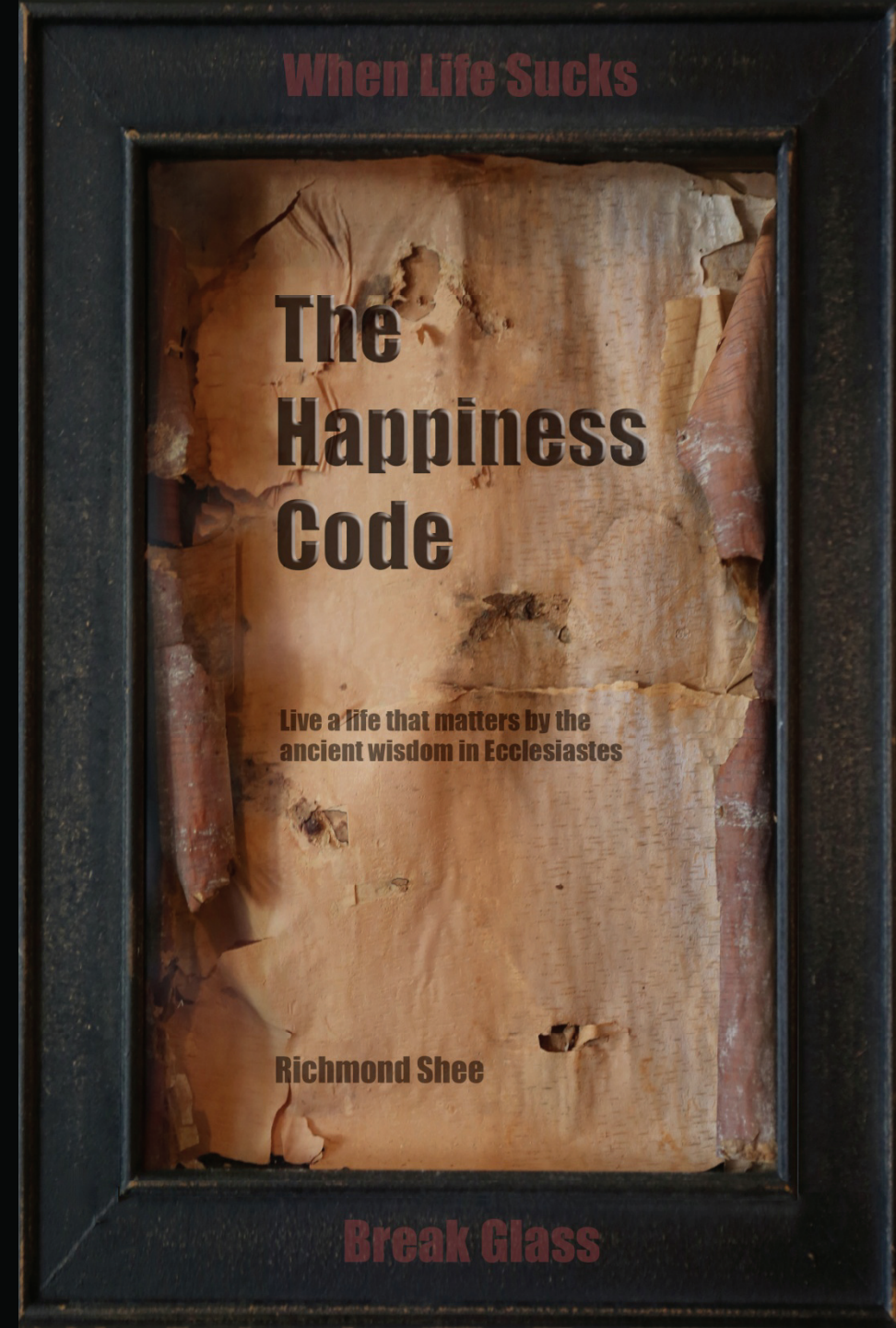


## Week #13: Level Set

I will be the happiest person in the world if you marry me. Baby, you complete me. Sound familiar?

So the holy grail of your happiness is in a person of your type, who is as flawed as you?

Tired of unhappy relationships? It's time to examine your relationship with the King of Kings.





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Essential qualities for  
maintaining a healthy  
relationship with the King of  
Kings



Ecc 8:1 Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

- A wise person is to be appreciated and praised.
  - Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
- A wise person who knows the right and godly interpretation of things, teaches aright from God's truths, and conveys godly solutions—"Thus saith the LORD"—for difficult issues has no compeer.
  - You're the man!
  - As "wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness (Ecc 2:13)," a wise person also excels others.
- Wisdom transfigures the countenance with a look that shouts godliness.
  - Alters a person's countenance from a fierce, defiant, proud, pompous, and arrogant demeanor, to a soft, gentle, meek, and loving countenance.
  - Moses' face... Exo 34:35, Stephen's face... Acts 6:8-15
  - Not a spa treatment, but the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart.

Ecc 8:2 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that in regard of the oath of God.

- Wise people differentiate themselves by obeying the word of God.
- Can one obey the word of God and not know the Bible?
- If God's wisdom is in His word, can one be wise not knowing the Bible?

## #1 Obey the word

- Learning the Bible is hard.
  - There is a price to pay. **Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire...**
  - Virtue is a prerequisite for spiritual knowledge. **2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge.**
  - The flesh factor – natural tendency to despise and disobey truth.
  - The devil factor – will do everything to keep us from knowing truth and be useful to God.

Ecc 8:3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight: stand not in an evil thing; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

- “To go out of his sight” → depart from faith.
- Offended by the hard sayings in the Bible.
  - E.g.: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you...” John 6:53-58.  
The sayings were too graphic, gruesome, and offensive to some disciples.  
“This is an hard saying; who can hear it?”
  - God doesn’t care about political correctness. He cares about TRUTH.
- Offended by the trails of faith.
  - The Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13.
- People who depart from their faith in Jesus Christ return to the devil they know—their old sinful lifestyle.  
Mt 11:6 And blessed (happy) is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

## #2 Abide in the word

Ecc 8:4 Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him,  
What doest thou?

### #3 Recognize the awesome power of the word

- Wise people lay to heart the awesome power of the word of God, the authority that goes with it, and the consequences of rebelling against it.
  - The Bible is the final authority resulting in fear, respect, and obedience to the word.
- Not one jot of the word will fail. God's promises are sure and He will make good on His threats, which is a force to be reckoned with.
  - Mt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
- Oh but the Bible is human literature! Really?

Ecc 8:5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

## #4 Do the right thing at the right time according to the word

- Wise people perform their duties in a proper manner and season.
  - Avoid the dreadful sentence of judgment that befalls delinquents and the rebellious.
- Pr 12:21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.
- God expects His children to love one another and to co-labor with Him in kingdom work, which includes evangelism and discipleship.



Ecc 8:6 Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him. (7) For he knoweth not that which shall be: for who can tell him when it shall be? (8) There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

## #5 Don't procrastinate in doing duty to the King

- Every individual's life events are determined and appointed by God, and are concealed.
  - Being in the dark concerning the future with no ability to influence the course brings great misery upon mankind.
- Even the wise are blindsided by many things, including the day of death.
- How much influence and power do people have over death?
- Don't delay in doing your duty to the King. Make hay while the sun shines.

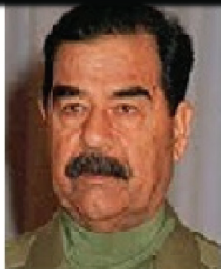
Ecc 8:9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt. (10) And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity. (11) Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.



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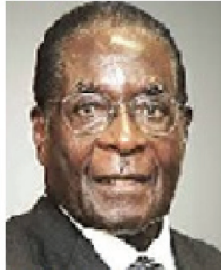
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IN MADNESS WE RULE

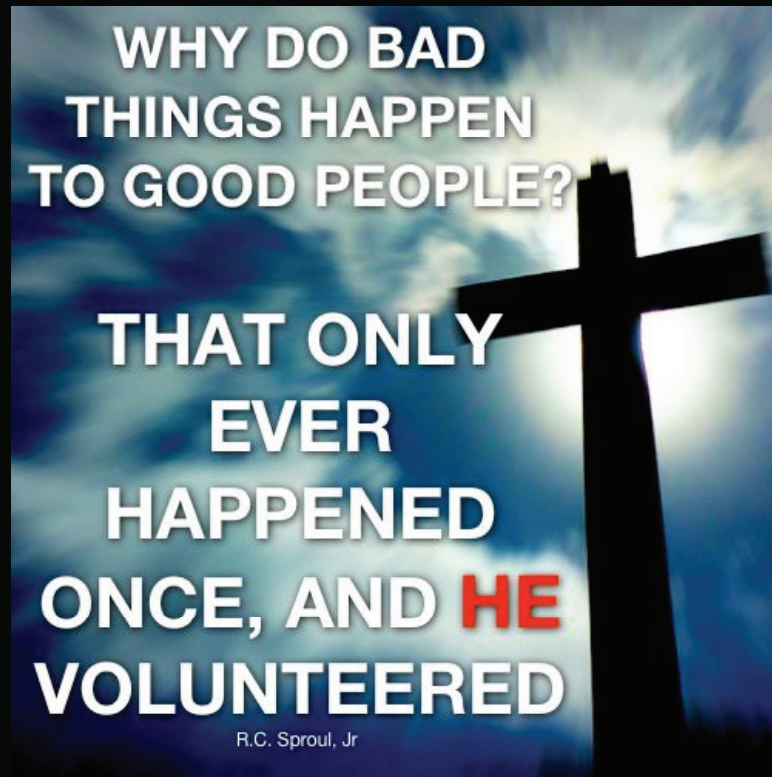
- Wicked rulers prosper under the sun.
  - Brutally oppress their subjects and their sins are not visited.
  - Prosperity emboldens and hardens them in their wickedness.
  - Think God is asleep at the switch.
  - Get away with an inch and keep pushing.
  - This world is increasingly evil.
  - Buried and forgotten.

Ecc 8:12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: (13) But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

## #6 Thrive and fruitful under tyrannical rule

- Judgment comes slowly, but it comes surely.
- The godly in adversity is better than with the wicked in prosperity.

Ecc 8:14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity. (15) Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.



- Yet another anomaly under the sun, and another reason for not liking this world.
  - Bad things happen to good people, and good things happen to bad people.
- People who exist for self and this world:
  - Eat, Drink, Be merry.
  - Can't take anything in death, what they have is now.
  - It is the closest they will ever come to happiness.



Ecc 8:16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:) (17) Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea further; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.

## #7 Serve God without wavering and not be bothered by bad events

- Unfortunately, self-serving people are not smart enough.
  - Instead of comfortably enjoying their remaining days, they work incessantly through a hive of human industry trying to secure their destiny against God's providence.
- It is a futile effort, because no one knows how the mystery of God's inscrutable dealings with the just and wicked works.
  - Beyond the reach of human labor.
  - Beyond the grasp of human wisdom.

## You have been illuminated to these truths:

1. Wise people keep the King's commandments – Ecclesiastes 8:2.
  2. Wise people abide in the word of the King – Ecclesiastes 8:3.
  3. Wise people recognize the awesome power of the word of the King – Ecclesiastes 8:4.
  4. Wise people do the right thing at the right time according to the word of the King – Ecclesiastes 8:5.
  5. Wise people don't procrastinate in their duty to the King – Ecclesiastes 8:6-8.
  6. Wise people thrive and are fruitful under the tyrannical rule of earthly kings – Ecclesiastes 8:9-13.
  7. Wise people serve the King without wavering even when bad things happen to them – Ecclesiastes 8:14-17.
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