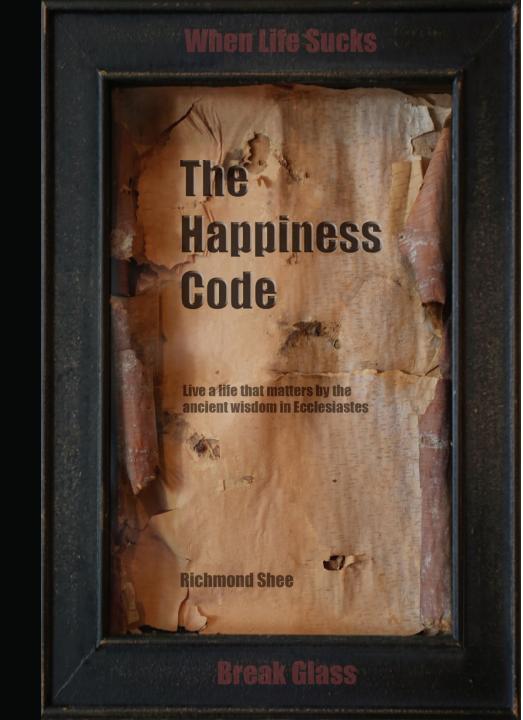
# The Happiness Code

Week 16 – Live Out Your Calling (Part 1)

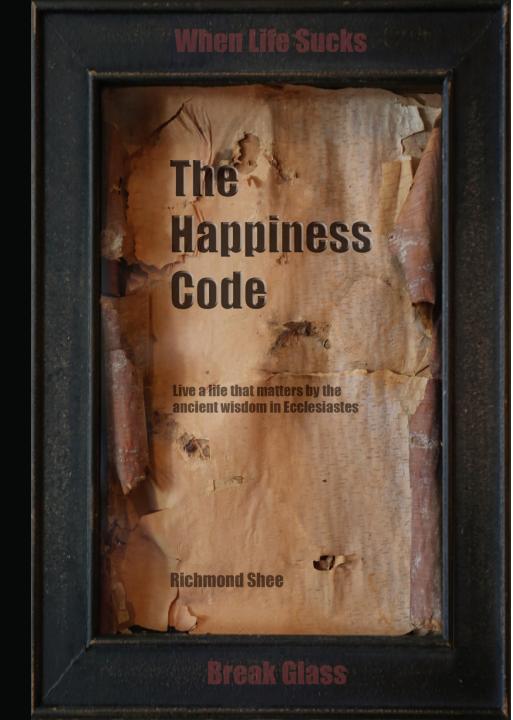
Ecclesiastes 11:1-6



Week #16: Level Set

Imagine hearing these words when you stand before the Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Now imagine hearing these words, "Thou wicked and slothful servant."



















Bread = the word of God.

John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am
the bread of life: he that cometh to me
shall never hunger; and he that believeth
on me shall never thirst.



Waters = the masses of people.

Rev 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

Number of perfection or completeness. Also marks the end of a thing. Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.



Is a new beginning. After God wiped humanity off the earth with the Noah's flood, He repopulated the earth with eight people.

1Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: (19) By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; (20) Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.



Clouds are connected with the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Mark 14:62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.



A tree is a type of person.

Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. (2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (3) And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Loosely paraphrased: "Spread the word of God upon the multitudes of people in every nation, because you do not know what evil or judgment will fall upon the earth. When you have done it, don't quit, but do it again. Save as many souls as you can, because at the second coming of Jesus Christ, many ungodly people will perish like fallen trees."

Ecc 11:1 <u>Cast thy bread upon the waters:</u> for thou shalt find it after many days. (2) <u>Give a portion</u> to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.



Cast thy bread = Evangelism

- Your bread, not someone else's.
- Where do you get this bread that does not mold and that you may cast and find it again after many days?
- John 6:5-6, Mt 13:1-23.



Give a portion = Discipleship

• Breaking bread, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Ecc 11:3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.



### **Evangelize and disciple with a sense of urgency**

- God's impending judgment on sinners—"for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth."
- God's judgment on sinners will come as downpours upon the earth from heavy clouds.
- We do not know when the clouds will be full of rain. All we know is when they are full, they will surely empty themselves upon the earth.

Ecc 11:3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.



### Evangelize and disciple with a sense of urgency

• God's judgment on sinners will come as a raging tempest that uproots and topples trees.

 We do not know when the violent windy storm will come or the way of the wind. All we know and see is the aftermath of the storm; whichever direction the trees fall, there they are as an evidence of the storm. Ecc 11:4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. (5) As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. (6) In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

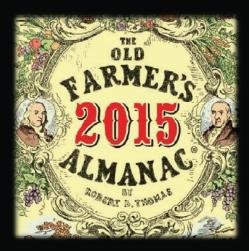
### **Outline:**

- The recklessness of not sowing verse 4.
- The reasons for sowing verse 5.
- The rules for sowing verse 6.

# Ecc 11:4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

- Don't be reckless in observing the wrong things.
- Fear neither the wind nor the clouds nor the winter's chilling breeze.
- Sow in faith!







Ecc 11:5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. (6) In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.



This is God's business. Don't pretend to know the outcome of things.

- 1. How the Spirit prepares people for salvation.
  - John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (8) The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
- 2. How bones develop and grow in the womb.
- 3. How God works all things.
- 4. Which seeds or witnessing engagement will prosper.

Ecc 11:6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.



Good to sow and reap; anytime, any day, anywhere, any condition.

# Bringing in the sheaves

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve; Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

#### Chorus:

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves; Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows, Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze; By and by the harvest, and the labor ended, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master, Tho' the loss sustained our spirit often grieves; When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome, We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

## You have been illuminated to these truths:

- 1. "Cast thy bread upon the waters" I must buy bread from Jesus Christ and evangelize the world.
- 2. "Give a portion to seven, and also to eight" I must disciple people.
- 3. Sowing and reaping are continual processes, as are evangelism and discipleship.

### Notes:

- The key to hearing the praise of God is to live out our calling. This life is a 70-year boot camp that prepares us to meet our Savior at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Let us not faint in the work of ministry and let us bring in the sheaves to meet Him.
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