



The Trap

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Today's Scripture:

Ecclesiastes 4:1-12

Q—What traps have you fallen into, in your quest for freedom?

Some Common Traps of Life

⇒ **The trap of** _____

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19 (ESV)

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Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 10:4 (NIV)

The craving of a sluggard will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work. All day long he craves for more, Proverbs 21:25–26a (NIV)

"Workaholics are often warned that on their deathbed they will not wish they had spent more time at the office. Ecclesiastes warns us that certain people on their deathbed will wish they had spent at least some time at the office."

David Gibson, Living Life Backwards

⇒ The trap of _____

Q—What trap do you find yourself in today?

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

ANSWER KEY: power, importance, comfort, success



Summer Experience

Find a time and place this week to reflect and study God's word as a group or individually.

Share Together: What is a favorite movie or book that has recently caught your imagination and drawn you in?

Reflect Together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message?

Study Together:

A great tool to study scripture is S.O.A.P.

Scripture - Read Ecclesiastes 3

Observe - Write down any principles or truths you learned

Application - Ask, "how can what I just learned apply to my life?"

Prayer - Ask the Lord to give you wisdom and courage to live out what you studied.

Pray Together: Take time to share how God has answered prayer and other prayer requests that you have today.