

# Ancient Wisdom for Modern Life

## Ecclesiastes

The Call to Wise Action!

**GET BUSY** doing what is right!



# Take risks!

- **Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days. (11:1)**

# Diversify!

- **Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth. (11:2)**

# Avoid short-cuts!

- **If the clouds are full, they pour out rain upon the earth; and whether a tree falls toward the south or toward the north, wherever the tree falls, there it lies (11:3)**
- **He who watches the wind will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap. Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones are formed in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things (11:4-5)**

Get to work doing what you know will work and leave the outcome with God!

- **Sow your seed in the morning, and do not be idle in the evening, for you do not know whether morning or evening sowing will succeed, or whether both of them alike will be good. (11:6)**

# Deeper underlying spiritual application.

- *Rather than make the venture of faith many people choose to “play it safe” and continue the same ungratifying unproductive existence.*
- *If you believe in God, then you are willing to take a risk with the hope that success will come. Be open to all possibilities. Don't try to second-guess God! Do all you can while you can! Live life to the full!*

# REJOICE, but keep your perspective!

- **“The light is pleasant, and it is good for the eyes to see the sun. Indeed, if a man should live many years, let him rejoice in them all..**
- **..and let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. Everything that is to come will be futility.”  
(11:7-8)**