

Blank Listening Guides

There is a Season

Experiencing Contentment  
in Every Season of Life

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## *INTRODUCTORY WEEK* – Getting Honest: Are You Content?

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**I. Our destination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Our Itinerary:**

1. The first part of our journey will involve \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the seasons of life in order to:
  - discover your own \_\_\_\_\_ season of life, and to
  - gain insight about God's \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the seasons of your life.
  
2. The second part of our journey will involve learning the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in order to:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ them to your life in every \_\_\_\_\_;
  - and to ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ in every remaining season of your life.

**B. Defining Our Destination:**

\_\_\_\_\_ : to be \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

- C. Our Starting Point:** We know the destination, but, in order to get there, we must first \_\_\_\_\_ where we are right now.

**II. Job's Journey:**

**A. *Job 1:1–3*—Job's Description:**

spiritually = \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Godfearing  
physically = \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Result:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. *Job 1:20–22, 2:10*—Job's Initial Response to Satan's Attacks:**

he \_\_\_\_\_ and worshipped, \_\_\_\_\_ God,  
did not \_\_\_\_\_, did not \_\_\_\_\_ God.

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- C. **Job 3–31**—Job’s Eventual Response:  
spiritually = \_\_\_\_\_.  
physically = in pain and \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Result:** \_\_\_\_\_.

D. **Two Truths:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ can cause even the \_\_\_\_\_, most godly believer to experience discontent.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ believers will ever experience the \_\_\_\_\_ suffering Job did, yet many of us are discontent when we experience even \_\_\_\_\_ suffering.

III. **The Question: Why do so few Christian women experience ongoing contentment?**

*Cole’s Unscientific Conclusions: 3 Groups of Women*

- A. **Group 1—Contentment** \_\_\_\_\_: This group of women continually repeat a \_\_\_\_\_ seeking satisfaction in many things.

**Result:** \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. **Group 2—Contentment** \_\_\_\_\_: This group of women have chased contentment but have found it to be only \_\_\_\_\_.

**Result:** \_\_\_\_\_.

- C. **Group 3—**\_\_\_\_\_ : This rare group of women have discovered real \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ despite their season of life or their circumstances.

**Result:** \_\_\_\_\_

IV. **The Answer: If we want to experience ongoing contentment in every season of our life, we must—**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ with ourselves.
- B. If necessary, \_\_\_\_\_ our sin and \_\_\_\_\_. *Job 42:1-6*
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the scriptural principles of contentment.  
*Phil. 4:11-12*

# WEEK ONE – She Said He Said: Proverbs 31 vs. Ecclesiastes 1

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## I. The Model Woman—*Prov. 31:10–31*

- A. Is a \_\_\_\_\_ of a woman through the \_\_\_\_\_ of her life.
- B. She lives a life of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Prov. 31:13, 18, 25, 29*

## II. Solomon—*Ecc. 1:1–14*

- A. Is the \_\_\_\_\_ Solomon wrote during the \_\_\_\_\_ seasons of his life.
- B. He lives a life of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Ecc. 1:2–3, 8, 13b, 14*

## III.

### Searching for Satisfaction:

### A Scriptural Perspective:

#### A. Wisdom—*Ecc. 1:16–17*

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#### A. Wisdom—*1 Cor. 1:18–24, 30*

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#### B. Pleasure—*Ecc. 2:1–2*

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#### B. Pleasure—*2 Tim. 3:1, 4, Titus 3:3, 1 Tim. 6:17*

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#### C. Alcohol/Drugs—*Ecc. 2:3*

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#### C. Alcohol/Drugs—*1 Tim. 5:23, Rom. 14:21, Eph. 5:18*

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# WEEK ONE – LISTENING GUIDE

## Searching for Satisfaction:

### D. Works/Projects—*Ecc. 2:4–6*

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### E. Possessions/Money—*Ecc. 2:7–9*

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### F. Sex—*Ecc. 2:8b*

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## A Scriptural Perspective:

### D. Works/Projects—*Col. 3:23, Luke 10:40–42*

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### E. Possessions/Money—*Mt. 6:19–21, 2 Tim. 6:6–8*

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### F. Sex—*Heb. 13:4, 1 Cor. 6:18–20*

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## IV. Final Conclusions:

A. Life is \_\_\_\_\_ and a “chasing after the wind” when it is centered around \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ pursuits. *Ecc. 2:11*

B. But, a life of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ can be experienced because Christ has redeemed us from \_\_\_\_\_.  
*1 Pet. 1:17b–19, 1 Cor. 15:58*

## WEEK TWO – The Seasons of Life

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I. As Christian women, we will experience many different types of seasons which will simultaneously \_\_\_\_\_ to affect us in many \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ways throughout our lifetime.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Seasons: caused by \_\_\_\_\_ and our reproductive system including...

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B. Seasons of \_\_\_\_\_ and Life \_\_\_\_\_ including...

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_ Seasons: including...

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II. As Christian women, our faith in God and His Word must always be the \_\_\_\_\_ in determining how we live and respond to *every* season of our lives.

III. Walking by Faith in Every Season—*Ruth 1–4*

A. Two Women Who Walked by Faith:

	<u>Naomi</u>	<u>Ruth</u>
<b>Physical</b>	_____	_____
<b>Circumstances</b>	_____	_____
<b>Spiritual</b>	_____	_____

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B. In Seasons of...

1. Extreme and \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances, God is pleased by our \_\_\_\_\_, “\_\_\_\_\_” of faith. *Ruth 1*

We may struggle with

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_, day-to-day activities, God is pleased by \_\_\_\_\_, obedient steps of faith. *Ruth 2*

These simple steps will:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_, God may require us to take a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in order to follow Him. *Ruth 3*

\_\_\_\_\_  
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4. \_\_\_\_\_, we will experience God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of faith. *Ruth 4*

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## WEEK THREE – The Seasons of David’s Life

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### I. What is a season?

Definition: Season<sup>4</sup> = Hebrew “\_\_\_\_\_” which means:

- time
- the right time
- the proper time
- may be either short-lived or a longer time
- the (favorable or unfavorable) events in life
- in the plural it means circumstances, courses of time, occurrences, and events

### II. What have we learned about seasons thus far?

- A. God is sovereign over the seasons of our lives. *Ecc. 3:1–8*
- B. As Christian women, we will experience many different types of seasons which will simultaneously combine to affect us in many positive and negative ways throughout our lifetime.
- C. As Christian women, our faith in God and His Word must always be the primary factor in determining how we live and respond to every season of our lives.

### III. What other principles should we understand about the seasons of life?

*The seasons of our lives will*

- A. Be determined primarily by the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ throughout our lives and will \_\_\_\_\_ in their length.
- C. Often \_\_\_\_\_ the characteristics of the seasons of nature.
- D. Not always correlate with our physical \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in life.
- E. Not always \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another in a consistent order as the seasons of nature do.

### IV. Evaluating the Seasons—*1 Samuel 16–20*

A. \_\_\_\_\_—*1 Sam. 16:11–13*

1. Evidence of Spring:

- season of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
- season of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
- season of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- season of growing \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

2. Essentials for Spring:

- seek Him \_\_\_\_\_. *Matt. 6:33*
- seek Him in extended \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Psalms 23:2-3, 46:10*
- seek \_\_\_\_\_ through His Word. *1 Pet. 2:2*

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### B. \_\_\_\_\_—1 Sam. 16:14–21, 17:17–18:4

- Evidence of Summer:
  - season of new \_\_\_\_\_.
  - season of increased \_\_\_\_\_.
  - season of spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - season of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Essentials for Summer:
  - guard your \_\_\_\_\_, 2 Cor. 11:3
  - guard your \_\_\_\_\_, John 7:18, 1 Cor. 10:31
  - guard your \_\_\_\_\_, John 15:15

### C. \_\_\_\_\_—1 Sam. 18:5–11

- Evidence of Autumn:
  - season of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - season of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
  - season of new/unexpected \_\_\_\_\_.
  - season of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Essentials for Autumn:
  - seek and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, Eph. 5:15–18, Jas. 1:5, 3:17
  - seek \_\_\_\_\_, 1 Sam. 19:18
  - seek God through:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ to His Will, and
    - for \_\_\_\_\_ in your circumstances, Ps. 9:9–10, Prov. 18:10

### D. \_\_\_\_\_—1 Sam. 20:41–42

- Evidence of Winter:
  - season of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
  - season of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
  - season of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - season of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Essentials for Winter:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ the loss, Ecc. 3:4 and 6
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to God: PRAY, Ps. 142
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ v. 7
  - offer God the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Is. 61:3, Heb. 13:15

## WEEK FOUR – In Every Season: Godsend and Giants

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I. **Godsends:** the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ people God sends into our lives to impact our lives for His divine purposes.

II. **Principles we learn from the Godsends in David's life:**

**Godsend # 1—Samuel**

1. They may \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God's anointing/call upon our lives before we even become aware of it ourselves. *1 Sam. 16:10–13*
2. They are people we can \_\_\_\_\_, they're "\_\_\_\_\_." *1 Sam. 19:18*

**Godsend # 2—Jonathan**

3. They may be our \_\_\_\_\_, and may eventually become our dearest friend. *1 Sam. 18:1–3*
4. Our relationship with them may be \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, but the effects of the relationship will \_\_\_\_\_ us for the rest of our lives. *2 Sam. 21:7*

**Godsend # 3—Nathan**

5. They will be a source of sound, timely, and \_\_\_\_\_ enabling us to \_\_\_\_\_ God's will for our lives. *2 Sam. 7:1–17, 1 Ki. 1:5–39*
6. They will \_\_\_\_\_ us when we sin, and will tell us the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in order to bring us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. *2 Sam. 12:1–15*

**Godsend # 4—Hushai**

7. God often sends them when we are experiencing a season of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_. *2 Sam. 15:23, 30*
8. They often show up as \_\_\_\_\_ to our \_\_\_\_\_. *2 Sam. 15:31–37*

**Godsend # 5—Joab**

9. They enable us to see our \_\_\_\_\_. *2 Sam. 19:1–8*
10. They will not always be completely without \_\_\_\_\_, but God can still use them in our lives for His good purposes. *1 Kings 2:5–6*

## WEEK FOUR – LISTENING GUIDE

III. **Giants:** the difficult circumstances, people, trials, and testings God sovereignly allows us to face in order to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith and increase our \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him.

### IV. Four Types of Giants:

1. \_\_\_\_\_—who seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ us. *1 Pet. 5:8, Eph. 6:10–18*

**Our response:**

- Be \_\_\_\_\_ and on the alert.
- \_\_\_\_\_ him, firm in your faith.
- Put on the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

2. \_\_\_\_\_—”giants” of our own making. *Jas. 1:14–15, Gal. 5:16, Rom. 6:11–14*

**Our response:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit.
- Consider yourself \_\_\_\_\_ to sin and \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- Do not let \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.
- Present your body to God as an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_—an \_\_\_\_\_ ; a living, breathing person. *2 Tim. 4:14–17, Matt. 5:44, 6:14–15*

**Our response:**

- Be on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rely upon and \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s presence and strength.
- \_\_\_\_\_ for your enemies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ your enemies.

4. \_\_\_\_\_—trials and testings God sovereignly allows us to experience. *Jas. 1:2–4*

**Our response:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ them as a \_\_\_\_\_ *because ...*
- They \_\_\_\_\_ our faith;
- They produce \_\_\_\_\_;
- They \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ us.

### V. Principles we learn from the Giants in David’s life:

1. We will face giants throughout our \_\_\_\_\_ lifetime.
2. We will never face a giant \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God is always with us, and
  - He often sends Godsendings to help us.
3. We may not defeat every giant in every battle, but we can repent, be cleansed and press on with \_\_\_\_\_ as David did.

## WEEK FIVE – The Seasons of Your Life

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### I. Journey Update

A. **Our Destination:** \_\_\_\_\_—to be satisfied with your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

B. **Our Itinerary:** Two-Part Journey

1. Part I: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the seasons of life in order to discover your own current season of life, and to gain insight about God's purposes throughout the seasons of your life.

**Primary Process:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Part II: learning the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in order to apply them to your life in every season of your life.

**Primary Process:** \_\_\_\_\_

C. **Final Result:** \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Today's Topic: The Struggle to Transition from Part I to Part II

A. Between Part I and Part II we may still struggle with:

1. Many \_\_\_\_\_: Why God?
2. Ongoing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from past and present circumstances.
3. Ongoing \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The keys to overcoming the struggle:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ . *Psalm 46:10*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to God's sovereignty.

## WEEK FIVE – LISTENING GUIDE

### III. Facts We Must Face...as learned from the life of Joseph:

- A. God has a \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives, but Satan will attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ it. *1 Pet. 2:5–9*
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is part of God's plan for our lives. *Phil 1:29*
- C. Others may \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us, but God never will. *Is. 49:14–16*
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ brings bondage, but \_\_\_\_\_ brings freedom. *Gen. 45:4–8, 50:19–20*
- E. What others intend for \_\_\_\_\_, God can use for \_\_\_\_\_. *Is. 53:5, 7, 10–12*

**Joseph's response to the struggles he faced:** \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. Truths We Must Embrace...to “cease striving” and submit to God's sovereignty

- A. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ in life. *Ecc. 3:1*  
*Apply:* This season is \_\_\_\_\_ for my life.
- B. God has made everything beautiful/with \_\_\_\_\_ in its time. *Ecc. 3:11a*  
*Apply:* This season in my life has \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God has made us long for eternal \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. *Ecc. 3:11b*  
*Apply:* There is eternal \_\_\_\_\_ in this season of my life.
- D. We cannot fully \_\_\_\_\_ the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives this side of eternity. *Ecc. 3:11c*  
*Apply:* I may not \_\_\_\_\_ the eternal value of this season now, but \_\_\_\_\_, I believe God will \_\_\_\_\_ it in the future.

**Final Truth:** The road to contentment begins with a \_\_\_\_\_.

## WEEK SIX – Rejoicing in Every Season

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### I. Solomon's Conclusions—*Ecc. 3:1–11*

- A. There is a season for everything in life. *Ecc. 3:1–8*
- B. God has made everything beautiful, appropriate, and with purpose in its time. *Ecc. 3:11a*
- C. God has made us long for eternal significance and meaning in our lives.. *Ecc. 3:11b*
- D. We cannot yet fully know the eternal significance, value, and purpose of our lives. *Ecc. 3:11c*

### II. Solomon's Instructions—*Ecc. 3:12–14*

- A. In this study, we will call the first three instructions the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. The first instruction, \_\_\_\_\_, is the first, \_\_\_\_\_.
1. OT/Hebrew definition of rejoice<sup>16</sup>
    - to \_\_\_\_\_ up
    - to \_\_\_\_\_ up
    - to be or \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Ecclesiastes teaches we are to \_\_\_\_\_...
    - in our everyday, routine \_\_\_\_\_, and work. *Ecc. 3:22*
    - in our labor that we consider to be \_\_\_\_\_ and unsatisfying. *Ecc. 5:19*
    - \_\_\_\_\_ our lives; in every \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 11:8–9*

### III. Scripture Teaches that Joy/Rejoicing...

- A. Is the result of \_\_\_\_\_—a work of \_\_\_\_\_. *John 16:20*
- B. Cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ from us. *John 16:22*
- C. Is a \_\_\_\_\_, thus, a \_\_\_\_\_. *1 Thess. 5:16*
- D. Is to be \_\_\_\_\_. *1 Thess. 5:16, Phil. 4:4*
- E. Is the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 15:24, 16–17, Numbers 14 reveals it can cost us God's blessing.*
- F. Is often expressed in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_. *Luke 10:21, Eph. 5:18–20.*

**IV. Paul's Example: I can rejoice in the Lord always because...**

**A.** Christ is my \_\_\_\_\_. *Phil. 1:12–21*

1. Despite my \_\_\_\_\_ in life (\_\_\_\_\_). *Phil. 1:7, 13–14, 17*
2. By focusing on the \_\_\_\_\_ not the \_\_\_\_\_. *Phil. 1:22–23*

**B.** Christ is my \_\_\_\_\_. *Phil. 2:5–8, 17*

1. Despite my \_\_\_\_\_. *Phil. 2:3–4*
2. By focusing on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Phil. 2:3–9*

**C.** Christ is my \_\_\_\_\_. *Phil. 3:8–15*

1. Despite my \_\_\_\_\_—the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. *Phil. 3:4–7*
2. By focusing on \_\_\_\_\_ Him. *Phil. 3:8–15*

**D.** Christ is my \_\_\_\_\_. *Phil. 4:13*

1. Despite my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. *Phil. 4:11–19*
2. By focusing on \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_. *Phil. 4:6–19*



## WEEK SEVEN – Doing Good in Every Season

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### I. Review

- A. In Ecclesiastes, Solomon's search for meaning in life is ultimately a search for \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ in life.
- B. In Ecclesiastes 3:12–14, we see three \_\_\_\_\_ that will enable us to experience joy, meaning, and contentment in every season of our lives.
- C. In this study, we are calling these \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_.
1. Door # 1 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Focus on** \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Door # 2 = \_\_\_\_\_  
**Focus on** \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Scripture teaches we are to...

- A. Do good in our \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 3:12*
- B. Do good with all of your \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 9:10*
- C. Do good to all \_\_\_\_\_ and especially to other Christians. *Gal. 6:10*
- D. Do good as \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_. *Col. 3:23*
- E. Do good so that \_\_\_\_\_ will see your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God. *Matt. 5:14-16*

### III. Questions and Answers—*Matt. 25:14–29, 1 Cor. 3:11–15*

- Q. What are the seven words every Christian longs to hear?
- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- Q. Who will hear these words?
- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- Q. How will we be judged?
- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- Q. What will be the outcome of the judgment?
- A. **We will receive** \_\_\_\_\_ **or we will** \_\_\_\_\_, **but we cannot** \_\_\_\_\_.

## WEEK SEVEN – LISTENING GUIDE

### IV. Role Models Who Will Hear, “Well Done”

A. \_\_\_\_\_—*Acts 9:36–42*

- she was \_\_\_\_\_.
- she served the Lord by serving others \_\_\_\_\_.

B. \_\_\_\_\_—*Rom. 16:1–2*

- she was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
- she was a \_\_\_\_\_ of many, and of \_\_\_\_\_ as well.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_—*Rom. 16:3–5, Acts 18:18–28*

- fellow \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.
- their \_\_\_\_\_ was used as a \_\_\_\_\_—good stewards.

D. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_—  
*Rom. 16:6 and 12*

- all of these were \_\_\_\_\_.
- all of these shared this in common: they \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord.

E. \_\_\_\_\_ mother—*Rom. 16:13, Mark 15:20–21*

- ministered to Paul as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- her background: Jewish from \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
- her husband: \_\_\_\_\_, who helped \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
- her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Paul was an extension of her \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ.

**Door # 2: Doing good...** \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEK EIGHT – Seeing Good in Every Season

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### I. Principles of Contentment

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ about life. *Ecc. 3:1–11*
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 3:12–13*
1. Door # 1 = \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ God.
  2. Door # 2 = \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ others.
  3. Door # 3 = \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_: Focus on our attitude and our experiences.

### II. Scripture teaches we are to...

- A. See good and enjoy the good of both our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Ecc. 2:24, 3:13*
- B. Enjoy life with \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 9:9*
- C. Recognize our life, labor, and our \_\_\_\_\_ are a \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ from God. *Ecc. 2:24, 3:13, 5:18, 9:9*

### III. Enjoying your life and labor:

#### *Principles to Practice*

1. Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_. *Matt. 6:31–34.*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_. *Ps. 37:4, 90:14, 100:2, 16:11*
3. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ about everything and start \_\_\_\_\_ about everything. *Phil. 4:6–8*
4. \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ often. *Ps. 103:1–14*
5. Recognize your \_\_\_\_\_ and accept its \_\_\_\_\_, and embrace its \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 3:1–8*
6. \_\_\_\_\_ your schedule and your \_\_\_\_\_. *2 Cor. 11:3*
7. Stop trying to \_\_\_\_\_. *Luke 4:14–30*

## WEEK EIGHT – LISTENING GUIDE

8. Make the \_\_\_\_\_ a regular part of your life: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ . *Gen. 2:1–3, 1 Tim. 6:17*
9. Purposefully plan and schedule \_\_\_\_\_ . *Ecc. 3:4*
10. Practice \_\_\_\_\_ . *Rom. 12:10a, 13b*

## WEEK NINE – The Key to Contentment

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**I. Principles of \_\_\_\_\_:**

**A.** Submit to the \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 3:1–11*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**B.** Practice the \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 3:12–13*

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**C.** Use the \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Scripture teaches we are to fear the Lord because:**

**A.** His works and His ways are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 3:14*

**B.** \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_ for those who fear Him, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ will **not** be \_\_\_\_\_ for those who do not fear Him.  
*Ecc. 8:12–13*

**C.** It is the final conclusion, the \_\_\_\_\_ that applies to every person.  
*Ecc. 12:13*

**D.** It is linked to \_\_\_\_\_ God / \_\_\_\_\_ His  
commandments. *Ecc. 12:13*

**E.** God will bring every \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. *Ecc. 12:14*

## WEEK NINE – LISTENING GUIDE

### III. What does it mean to fear the Lord?:

- A. It involves **BOTH** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
1. \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ to God because of His power and position.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_: results in the \_\_\_\_\_ to please Him **AND** the \_\_\_\_\_ to obey Him.
- B. Therefore, if I say I fear the Lord I will \_\_\_\_\_ **AND** \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

### IV. Three who feared the Lord:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ *Gen. 6:5–9, 13, 22, Heb. 11:7*
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ *Gen. 22:1–3, 5, 12, 15–18*
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ *Ex. 1:17, 21*

These examples reveal that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and blessing are all characteristics of those who fear the Lord.

### V. Choosing Contentment:

- A. I *cannot* unlock the doors to contentment by...
- waiting until I \_\_\_\_\_ rejoicing,
  - waiting for my \_\_\_\_\_ or my \_\_\_\_\_ to improve before I do good,
  - or waiting until I can \_\_\_\_\_ the value of all I'm doing.
- B. I *can* unlock the doors to contentment when I \_\_\_\_\_ to...
- rejoice,
  - do good,
  - and see good  
because I \_\_\_\_\_.

## WEEK TEN – The Harmony of Proverbs 31 and Ecclesiastes 1

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### I. You should not be content with...

- A. An \_\_\_\_\_ . *Gen. 2:18–25, Col. 3:18–19, Eph. 5:22–29, 1 Cor. 7:10–15*
- B. Any \_\_\_\_\_ in your life. *1 John 3:9, 1 John 1:9*
- C. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ . *1 Pet. 2:2, 2 Pet. 3:18*
- D. Anything less than \_\_\_\_\_ devotion and love for the Lord. *Matt. 22:37*

### II. Evaluating the Model Woman and Solomon

#### *In Every Season of Life...*

##### The Model Woman

##### Solomon

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed genuine faith in God       | <input type="checkbox"/> Possessed genuine faith in God       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Believed God's commands              | <input type="checkbox"/> Believed God's commands              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practiced God's commands             | <input type="checkbox"/> Practiced God's commands             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feared God                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Feared God                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced joy and meaning in life  | <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced joy and meaning in life  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced satisfaction/contentment | <input type="checkbox"/> Experienced satisfaction/contentment |

#### *Their legacies...*

**The Model Woman's life** is an \_\_\_\_\_ for all of us to \_\_\_\_\_ because she chose to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord fully throughout every season of her life.

**Solomon's life** is a \_\_\_\_\_ for all of us to \_\_\_\_\_ because he chose not to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord fully throughout every season of his life.

## WEEK TEN – LISTENING GUIDE

### III. Following God Fully

#### A. The Example: *Christ*

1. He fully \_\_\_\_\_ Himself of His \_\_\_\_\_ as God. *Phil 2:5-7*
2. He fully \_\_\_\_\_ all righteousness. *Matt. 3:15*
3. He fully \_\_\_\_\_ each of His miracles. *Matt. 4:23, 8:16, 14:20, John 2:3–10*
4. He fully \_\_\_\_\_ the penalty of our sin. *John 19:30*

#### B. The Motive: *Jesus fully gave so that we could experience \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.* *John 10:10*

#### C. The Call: “\_\_\_\_\_” is *Jesus’ high call to us.* *Matt. 4:19, 8:22*

#### D. The Requirements:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ love. *Matt. 10:37*
2. \_\_\_\_\_. *Matt. 10:38*
3. Self-\_\_\_\_\_. *Matt. 10:39*

#### E. The Result: *Those who fully follow Christ throughout every season of their lives will experience “life to the full”—\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in this life—and they will leave \_\_\_\_\_ for others to follow.*