

# The Handbook for Business, the Bible

## #25: The four best things in life

"There is nothing better than for people to eat, drink and see the good in their work. These beautiful gifts...come from God..." Ecclesiastes 2:24 - VOICE

Today is about YOU, rather than your business, although after all, it is an extension of YOU

**King Solomon penned these encouraging words at a time of personal despair & emptiness:**

- \* Almost too late he realised life is quite uncomplicated - it's a daily GIFT from God
- \* His plea is to focus on the important things - sustenance, work, faith + family,
- \* Don't waste time accumulating stuff as he did only to find it ends in a futile & empty life
- \* This man had-it-all but was totally miserable as he penned Ecclesiastes, as a warning

**It's important to note what he's NOT saying:**

...That you will always be successful in your work - sometimes you will fail, as he did  
...Failing makes you a failure - it's part of life's journey of leaning & improving  
...If bad things happen it's a barrier, IN the way to a better future; it's just ON the way

**It's the world, under sway of evil one, that instills its main weapon - FEAR:**

- \* For many it's FOMO - fear of missing out - this was Eve's problem
- \* OR fear of not having enough - if that's you, read & believe Matt 6:33-34
- \* OR fear of losing what I have acquired - if that's you, read & believe Psalm 24:1
- \* People convinced they need lots more than sustenance + work + God's gifts, esp. \$\$
- \* And if you don't have all this stuff, you're a loser...if don't seek it, you're a loser

**Once fear invades your life, love, faith, trust & the gifts of God go out the window:**

- \* Fear means you don't know the love of God nor understand that He has everything under control...including your well-being & future
- \* Fear in business results in lack of serving, worry, greed, deception & bad decisions
- \* In the end things generate fear - the more things you have the more you have to fear

**Counsel from the Handbook declares:**

- \* "...all things work together for good to them that love God..." (NOT my good) Rom 8:28
- \* "Giving thanks always for all things unto God..." (NOT just good things) Eph 5:20
- \* "Godliness with contentment is great gain" 1 Tim 6:6 [thus, discontent = loss]

**Today's verse: Solomon - there's NOTHING BETTER than grasp the 4 best things in life:**

- \* Eat - Drink - Work - Faith - Family
- \* In effect, he's saying, "don't end up like me"

**Even if post-Covid your business doesn't survive, understand & appreciate:**

- \* You've learned heaps; you're a lot wiser & it's another step ON THE WAY in your life
- \* Just maybe the Most High did not plan for you to be there any longer - He has a Plan B