

Solomon's Quest for the Meaning of Life (*current series*)

2019 Mar 3 **What to do when Life is unfair?** (part 4)

*"I looked again at all the injustice that goes on in this world."* Ecclesiastes 4:1

**REALITY:**

1. Criminals go \_\_\_\_\_.

*"because crime is not punished quickly enough."*

Ecclesiastes 8:11

*"I notice that throughout the earth justice is giving way to crime and even the police courts are corrupt."* 3:16

2. The oppressed are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I looked again at all the injustice that goes on in this world. The oppressed were crying and no one would help them...Their oppressors had power on their side."*

3. Politicians are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"If you see...miscarriage of justice anywhere throughout the land, don't be surprised!*

*For every official is under orders from higher up, and higher officials look up to their superiors. And so, the matter is lost in red tape and bureaucracy."* Ecclesiastes 5:8

*"Here is an injustice I have seen...an injustice caused by rulers. Stupid people are given positions of authority."*

Ecclesiastes 10:5-6

4. Good people are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"There is something else meaningless...righteous men who get what the wicked deserved and the wicked men who get what the righteous deserve."* Ecclesiastes 8:14

5. Capable people are \_\_\_\_\_.

*"In this world fast runners do not always win the races...wise men don't always earn a living, intelligent men don't always get rich."* Ecclesiastes 9:11

## Four reasons why God allows injustice in the world:

1. God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ in our life to obey or disobey Him.

*"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse, the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord...the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord."*

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

2. Because \_\_\_\_\_ is coming.

*"God will bring judgment to both the righteous and the wicked for there will be a time for every activity, a time for every deed."*

Ecclesiastes 3:17

3. To show we are on \_\_\_\_\_ a Savior.

*"There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins."*

Ecclesiastes 7:20

The Bible says, *"That every inclination of man's heart is evil."*

*"As for men, God tests them so that they may see that they are like the animals."*

Ecclesiastes 3:18

*"For all have sinned,"* that's the bad news.

*"And are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ."*

4. Because \_\_\_\_\_ can develop character.

*"Suffering produces character."* Romans 5:4

## What do you do when life is unfair?

1. We are empowered to \_\_\_\_\_ that life is unfair.

*"In this world you will have trouble."*

John 16:33

2. We are empowered to do the \_\_\_\_\_ anyway!

*"Learn to do right, seek justice, encourage the oppressed."*

Isaiah 1:17

3. We are empowered to \_\_\_\_\_ for God's reward.