

**Ecclesiastes 6:7-9 – The Appetite of Man**

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Ecclesiastes 6:7-9 addresses man’s appetite. Disciples of Jesus should have a great appetite for knowing God and drawing near to Him, but if our appetite for temporary things is allowed to dominate our time and attention, it may leave little energy for pursuing what is eternal.

God originally created man in a state of \_\_\_\_\_. It wasn’t until the serpent introduced envy and discontent into God’s ideal garden that man began to be burdened by a perpetual, unfulfilled hunger. Sin has \_\_\_\_\_ us to a state of want. (Genesis 3:17-19)

This idea of man’s appetite is much bigger than simply a longing for *food*. What are some other desires that you have a great appetite for?

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**CAUTION: We live in a world where the APPETITE has been rebranded as \_\_\_\_\_. This \_\_\_\_\_, this desire for more has often been lifted up as a universal virtue. What is wrong with that?**

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If we want Jesus is to be glorified in our lives, then our appetites must be put into check. One of the greatest gifts that God can give to believers through the book of Ecclesiastes is a greater understanding of our passions and appetites.

***‘You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.’ – A prayer from Augustine’s Confessions.***

**This appetite that we must deal with can act as a *blessing* to us. It perpetually puts before us:**

1. Our essential \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Our essential \_\_\_\_\_ to meet that need on our own.
3. The absolute necessity for \_\_\_\_\_ to meet that need.

Verse 8 – It is clear to Solomon that man’s struggle against his appetite is not an \_\_\_\_\_ problem.

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What are the dangers of believing your sinfulness comes from the circumstances that you have lived through?

Verse 9 – Having an appetite is not itself \_\_\_\_\_.

**God’s Word has been given to us as a guide, as a \_\_\_\_\_ against which our appetites and passions must be tested.**

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As you apply God’s Word to our appetites and allow the direction of scripture to dictate our desires...

**May God’s \_\_\_\_\_ become the motivation of your appetite.**

**May you rejoice with \_\_\_\_\_ more in what you’ve been given than in what you might someday get.**

**May you recognize that even the thing you don’t want is the \_\_\_\_\_ will of God for you, and can work a growing and a maturing in you that might become an unexpected blessing**

**May you say ‘Amen’ when your growing appetite for the Lord causes your appetite for lesser things to \_\_\_\_\_.**