

**Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 Time and Chance**

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Our estimation of what makes a person ‘successful’ does not always produce the results that we expect.

**The Race is... Not to the \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Asahel, 2 Samuel 2:22-23)

**The Battle is... Not to the \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Samson, Judges 16:19)

**Bread is... Not to the \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Solomon, 1 Kings 11:1-25)

**Riches are... Not to the \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Ahithophel, 2 Sam 16:23, 17:5-14)

**Favor is... Not to those with \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Moses, Ex. 2:11-15, Acts 7:22)

**Our perceptions of what might be practical advantages in life are not reliable. There are two factors that stand in the way:**

The first factor is \_\_\_\_\_.

Consider how time limits what man can achieve...

\_\_\_\_\_ Time does not have the same effect upon God. (2 Peter 3:8)

God is unlike us in that He is \_\_\_\_\_.

**There is no \_\_\_\_\_ you can gain that is a better investment than \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the Lord and His Word.**

The second factor is \_\_\_\_\_.

What are the dangers of acting as though \_\_\_\_\_ were a real thing?

God is unlike us in that He is \_\_\_\_\_

Given the principle set by Solomon in verse 11, we can draw one more conclusion:

**Salvation is... not to the \_\_\_\_\_**

**Salvation is not \_\_\_\_\_ those who prove to be righteous with their good works. It is \_\_\_\_\_ the only One who is righteous – Jesus our Lord! God is sovereign over all things, including our salvation.**

How could this wisdom from Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 illuminate our reading of Philippians 2:12-13?