

‘FULL HANDS, EMPTY HANDS’

ECCLESIASTES 5:8 – 6:12

1. When A Decision Is Needed.

2. Weighing The Pros & Cons Of Wealth.

PROS	CONS
eating, drinking, satisfying work (5:18)	unsurprising injustice (5:8-9)
God-given enjoyment (5:19)	unrequited love (5:10)
desire fulfilment (6:2)	unproductive consumerism (5:11)
	sleeplessness (5:12)
	harmful hoarding (5:13)
	unfortunate loss (5:14)
	empty hands on departure (5:15-16)
	misery (5:17)
	death brings enjoyment to an end (6:1-6)
	appetite unsatisfied (6:7-11)

3. When A Decision Is Not Made.

4. A Couple Of Unanswered Questions (6:12).

For further reflection/discussion:

- When you look at the table in Point 2 above, what most strikes you?
- Do you think you’ve ever made a decision about wealth accumulation? Do you think you need to?

- i) Don’t forget to register TODAY if you want to come to ESCAPE ’22 (May 27-29).
- ii) The monthly Men’s Group (first Thursday of each month at Ian Sewell’s home in Northbridge) will begin reading/discussing a new book at our June meeting: ‘A Better Story: God, Sex, and Human Flourishing’ (by Glynn Harrison). All men at St Mark’s are welcome and this would be a good point to join.
- iii) We will be running a Christianity Explored course over six weeks, starting on Thursday May 26. This will be a great opportunity for anyone interested in exploring who Jesus is, why he came, and what that means for us now. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Pat via his details below.
- iv) There’s a lunch-time prayer meeting this Tuesday on Zoom (1:00-1:30pm) open to all St Mark’s members. Just let Simon know if you’d like to be sent the link.

PRAYER FOR MISSION PARTNERS:

Deaf Ministries International

Praise God for the very generous donations DMI used to buy an excellent plot of land for re-developing the Bible school in Uganda. Pray for a further USD150 per month to cover current operations at the school, and for additional donations to fulfil the vision of a school in Norway, and the Philippines.

DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS FOR OFFERTORY

Offertory can be paid directly to the St Mark’s account via internet banking transfers.

Account Name: St Marks Anglican Church Northbridge
 BSB: 032-199 Bank: Westpac Account Number: 81-0022

Please include the word ‘Offertory’ and the service you usually attend in the ‘to account’ description. [e.g. Offertory 9:30am]. You may include your name or leave it anonymous if you wish.

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