

The Gospel According to Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 11:1-7

Cast your bread upon the waters,

for you will find it after many days.

² Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,

for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.

³ If the clouds are full of rain,

they empty themselves on the earth,

and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,

in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.

⁴ He who observes the wind will not sow,

and he who regards the clouds will not reap.

⁵ As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

⁶ In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

⁷ Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

3 Things We Can't Know

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3 Things We Do Know

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Reflection Questions:

- 1) Do you shelter yourself from the fear of failure by having space only for the predictable in your life? If so, how could you change this?
- 2) When was the last time you responded to someone in a way that recognized that person as God's gift to you? How will you do so this week?
- 3) What would holding onto your resources more loosely and focussing on what you can do/know instead of what you can't change the way your life works?