

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

Learning Endurance in trials...

1. Death is a better teacher than birth (7:1-4)

2. ...and rebuke is better than praise (7:5-6)

3. ...because patient hope is better than arrogant whining (7:7-12)

Approaching Upsets

Approaching Disappointment

4. So trust the Lord of time (7:13-14)

When are we inclined to grumble at our circumstances? What difference does it make knowing that adversity is God's means of producing patient hope?

How can we help one another to "count it all joy...when you meet trials of various kinds"?