

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

**TIMES OF SERVICES:**

*Sunday*

Bible Classes.....9 A.M.  
 Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.  
 Worship/Bible Study..5 P.M.

*Wednesday:*

Bible Study..... 7:00 P.M.



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**When Studying Ecclesiastes**

*by Bryan Gibson*

“I applied my heart to know, to search and seek out wisdom and the reason of things...” (Ecclesiastes 7:25, see also 1:13; 2:3; 8:16).


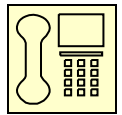

To learn what he discovered, to gain the same wisdom he gained from his search, we’ll need to read the rest of this wonderful book.

And maybe if we can answer the following questions as we read through the book, we’ll get a better understanding of it.

1. Where is the meaning of life NOT found?
2. Where IS it found?
3. List some things about “life under the sun” that can easily frustrate us?
4. What perspective/outlook do we need to make sure these frustrations don’t get the best of us?



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5. What perspective will enable us to ALWAYS rejoice?
6. Has God put limitations on what we can find out, and if so, why?
7. Locate all the verses where one thing is said to be “better” than another. How do these help us in our efforts to serve God?
8. What special benefit can this book be to young people?

## More Blessed to Give than Receive

*by Bryan Gibson*

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35). In other words, it’s always better to ask, “What can I give?” instead of “What can I get?”

Jesus not only said it; He exemplified it (Philippians 2:3-11; 2 Corinthians 8:9). And He did so even when “His own did not receive Him” (John 1:11), even when He was mocked, forsaken, beaten, spat upon, crucified, etc.

Paul learned from the best, because he lived by the same rule (Romans 1:14; 1 Corinthians 10:24, 32-33; Philippians 1:8), and like Jesus, he continued to do so even when disappointed by what he received (Galatians 4:13-16; 2 Corinthians 12:14-15).

“It is more blessed to give than to receive”—Jesus said to remember these words, and here would be some good times to do exactly that.

When we first become a Christian (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15). It’s not just, “What can I receive from the Lord?” It’s more, “What can I give Him?” Or, “What can I do for Him?”

When we join together with other Christians in a local church (Ephesians 4:16). If the focus becomes too much on what my fellow-Christians can do for me, it probably won’t ever be enough.

When we get married (Philippians 2:3-4). If you’re all about serving your spouse, and your spouse is all about serving you, this two givers thing may turn into something really nice.

When it comes time to repay our parents (1 Timothy 5:4). You’ve been receiving from them for a long time; it’s time to do some giving, and to do it without murmuring and complaining (Philippians 2:14). You’ll likely come away appreciating even more what Jesus said about giving and receiving.

When we receive very little for what we give (Galatians 4:13-16; 2 Corinthians 12:14-15). It gets really tough when you give and give and give and receive very little in return. That’s when we need to remember, not only the words of Jesus, but also His life (and his self-sacrificial death).

When we get up every morning. This putting a premium on giving over receiving, it can’t just be reserved for certain occasions or moments; this is the rule we must live by every single day.

**It is more blessed**  
*to give than to receive.*

Acts 20:35