

ECCLESIASTES

Better Than

Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

Contentment

*"Fools fold their hands and ruin themselves.
Better one handful with tranquillity than two handfuls
with toil and chasing after the wind."
Ecclesiastes 4:5-6*

CONTENTMENT is better than envy and competition.

Community

*"Two are better than one, because they have a good
return for their labor. If either of them falls down,
one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up."
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10*

COMMUNITY is better than rugged individualism.

Coachable Spirit

*"Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king
who no longer knows how to heed a warning."
Ecclesiastes 4:13*

A **COACHABLE SPIRIT** is better than arrogant foolishness.

Reflection:

1. As you reflect on the teaching of Ecclesiastes 4, what most resonates with you?
2. Are your hands generally grasping for more, lazily folded in apathy, or open in content gratitude for God's gifts? And how are the differences of these heart and hand postures reflected in your life?
3. Who are the people you can turn to in times of need? Who are the people that inspire you to follow Jesus more faithfully?
4. How can you cultivate a more teachable spirit this week?
5. Take an inventory of your time spent last week. What does this reveal about your heart and priorities?