

**LEARNING TO GIVE**

**Eccl. 11:1-4**

1. Learning to be generous

“Cast your bread upon the waters,  
For you will find it after many days.” Eccl. 11:1

- a. This is about giving towards the needs of people
- b. And yet, it can come back to us after many days

2. Learning to give generously

“Give a serving to seven, and also to eight,  
For you do not know what evil will be on the earth.” Eccl. 11:2

- a. This is about giving a serving to seven people
- b. If there is an eighth person, he will still give
- c. We don't know what evil there is in this world
  - i. Evil can affect people badly
  - ii. There can be dire straits

**OBSERVING NATURE**

“If the clouds are full of rain,  
They empty *themselves* upon the earth;  
And if a tree falls to the south or the north,  
In the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie.” Eccl. 11:3

1. Rain clouds

- a. When it is full of rain
- b. It will empty itself on the earth

2. Falling trees

- a. When the tree is old and weak
- b. It can fall either north or south
- c. It will remain wherever it falls

**DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF LAZINESS AGAIN**

“He who observes the wind will not sow,  
And he who regards the clouds will not reap.” Eccl. 11:4

1. When people observe the wind and clouds

- a. They spend their time reading into nature
  - i. The wind

- ii. The clouds
  - b. They try to determine whether they should work or not
2. Giving excuses not to work

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

- 1. Learning to give
- 2. Learning to work hard