

# Ecclesiastes

## *The Search for Meaning*

### My Sinister Self

### Ecclesiastes 7:15-29

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1. Even the righteous die young. *vv. 15-19*

Assumption 1: Be better and it will save us.

Assumption 2: Be bad because good doesn't work.

2. Even the wise do wrong. *vv. 20-29*

Wisdom is powerful but can't make me righteous.

We all have a sinister side.

# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) What would an “overrighteous” person look like? See Eccl. 7:16. How can we maintain a proper balance between being “overrighteous” and “overwicked?”
- 2) How do you handle criticism? When should you heed it and when should you ignore it? What is the problem with the tongue? See James 3:2-12.
- 3) Does temptation cause sin? How does temptation work? See James 1:13-15. How can we escape it? See Eccl. 7:26.
- 4) From God’s point of view, what is the condition of the human race? See Isaiah 53:6, Romans 3:23; 5:12. What hope is there for mankind? See 1 Corinthians 1:26-30.



## Memory Verse Ecclesiastes 7:29

“This only have I found: God made mankind upright, but men have gone in search of many schemes.”