

Why does the Preacher use broad generalizations?

Obstacle #1 — Oppression without _____ (1-3)

oppression = cause _____ to someone, extort,
abuse, _____ of power

oppressed = the _____
those whose tears flow heavily

The Preacher's Broad Generalization:

The _____ are better off than the _____ and non-existence is the best.

How can we take joy in our work and affect the oppression around us?

1. See _____ accurately.

2. See _____ accurately.
 - Proverbs 22:22-23 –
 - Jeremiah 22:1-5 –
 - Jeremiah 50:33-34 –
 - Luke 4:18-19 –

3. See _____ accurately.

"The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty of the bad people but the silence over that by the good people."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Obstacle #2 — Envy and _____ (4-6)

envy = _____ and zeal for what someone else has

folded hands = _____ (see Proverbs 6:10, 24:33)

How can the envious and lazy turn and take joy in their work?

1. The envious must _____ moving from two hands full to one handful.
2. The lazy must move from two empty folded hands to one handful of _____.

"As toil can be all-consuming, so idleness is self-cannibalizing.' Which of these errors is more of a temptation for you? Maybe you are tempted to envy what other people have and then wear yourself out trying to get it. Or maybe you think you are above all of that, yet you have such a negative attitude about work that sometimes you avoid it altogether. Either way [the Preacher] has some good advice: 'Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.'"

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