



Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

PROFILES OF LONELINESS

1. The _____ Leads To Loneliness

Then I looked again at all the acts of oppression which were being done under the sun. And behold *I saw* the tears of the oppressed and *that* they had no one to comfort *them*; and on the side of their oppressors was power, but they had no one to comfort *them*. - Ecclesiastes 4:1

Warning: Oppression can drive you _____ from others

2. _____ Leads To Loneliness

I have seen that every labor and every skill which is done is *the result of* rivalry between a man and his neighbor. This too is vanity and striving after wind. - Ecclesiastes 4:4

***Envy = _____ something that others have (success, blessing, possessions, etc)**

Warning: Jealous envy can drive others _____ from you

3. _____ Leads To Loneliness

Then I looked again at vanity under the sun.⁸ There was a certain man without a dependent, having neither a son nor a brother, yet there was no end to all his labor. Indeed, his eyes were not satisfied with riches *and he never asked*, "And for whom am I laboring and depriving myself of pleasure?" This too is vanity and it is a grievous task. - Ecclesiastes 4:7-8

Warning: Blind ambition can drive you to _____

4. _____ And _____ Can Lead To Loneliness

A poor yet wise lad is better than an old and foolish king who no longer knows *how* to receive instruction. . . the ones who will come later will not be happy with him, for this too is vanity and striving after wind. - Ecclesiastes 4:13-16

Warning: Popularity and power can drive you into _____

THE PRESCRIPTION FOR LONELINESS = _____

Two are better than one . . . - Ecclesiastes 4:9

THE PERKS OF REAL RELATIONSHIPS

1. _____

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. - Ecclesiastes 4:9

2. _____

For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. - Ecclesiastes 4:10

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Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.- Galatians 6:1

- _____ **bearing**

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. - Galatians 6:2

3. _____

Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm *alone*? - Ecclesiastes 4:11

4. **Combined** _____

And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart. - Ecclesiastes 4:12