



## JOYFUL RISK-TAKING | ECCLESIASTES 11:1-10

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As we reach the end of Ecclesiastes, the teacher offers four commands that should shape how we live in an under-the-sun world: Risk, Rejoice, Remember, & Respond.

### **1. Risk (11:1-6)**

11:1 can be a picture of investments or generosity, though the two are not mutually exclusive.

Whether through investing or generosity, we are called to cast out or disperse our own stuff with the faith to believe that God will return what we need.

## 2. Rejoice (11:7-10)

The contrast between light and days of darkness is a contrast between life and death.

Walk in the ways of your heart, and Know that God holds you accountable.

By God's grace, we are called to confront vexation in our own hearts and evil in our flesh.

### Questions to Consider

1. Summarize some of the key themes that you've seen in Ecclesiastes 1-10.
2. How is the farmer in 11:4 an example of one way we should NOT respond to the uncertainties of life?
3. Ecclesiastes 11:1 is generally interpreted as referring to investment and/or generosity. What would be the applicable teaching about both topics?
4. What role does faith play in Ecclesiastes 11:1-6?
5. Why is it important to always regard life as a gift and stewardship from God?
6. What's the balance to simply following our heart's desire in all of life?
7. What is vexation and how are we to deal with it?
8. Are there areas where you believe God is calling you to take greater risks for Him? Are there anxious worries and fleshly evils in your life that you need to confront?