

# A GOOD NAME

## ECCLESIASTES 7

Text: Ecc 7:1

(Ecclesiastes 7:1) "A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth."

Introduction:

This is the answer to the question found in chapter 6:12.

(Ecclesiastes 6:12) "For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?"

We should strive to have a good name.

Notice

### **1. WORTH OF A GOOD NAME**

(Proverbs 22:1) "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

(Ecclesiastes 7:1) "A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth."

A. A good name is better than the costliest items this world has to offer.

1. Great riches
2. Precious ointment

## **2. WAYS OUR NAME IS CHOSEN**

A. Attitude

1. Rules
2. Authority

B. Actions

1. Actions speak louder than words

C. Associations

1. Birds of a feather flock together.

D. Appearance/Accessories

1. Our dress

## E. Accents

1. The words that come from our mouth will reflect what is in our heart.

### **3. WAYS TO OBTAIN A GOOD NAME**

#### A. Consider the end (v 8)

(Ecclesiastes 7:8) "Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."

#### B. Consider the work of God (v. 13)

(Ecclesiastes 7:13) "Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?"

#### C. Consider God's presence (v. 18)

(Ecclesiastes 7:18) "It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all."

Close:

God help us to choose a good name.