



PLAYING FAIR

Ecclesiastes

THE UNFAIRNESS SOLOMON SAW:

1. Criminals go unpunished.
(Ecclesiastes 3:16 & 8:11 NIV)
2. The oppressed are unhelped in the world.
(Ecclesiastes 4:1, NIV)
3. Politicians are unethical.
(Ecclesiastes 5:8, NIV)
4. Good people go unrewarded.
(Ecclesiastes 8:14, NIV)
5. Capable people are often unsuccessful.
(Ecclesiastes 9:11, NIV)

GOD ALLOWS UNFAIRNESS BECAUSE:

1. He gives us the freedom of choice.
(Joshua 24:15b, NIV)
2. God is going to settle accounts one day.
(Ecclesiastes 3:17, NIV)
3. It's a character builder.
4. It shows we need a Savior.
(Romans 3:23 & 6:23, NIV)

HOW TO RESPOND TO UNFAIRNESS:

1. I accept it gracefully.
2. I respond lovingly. (Matthew 5:44, NIV)
3. I wait for God's help. (Philippians 4:13, NIV)