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Ecclesiastes 3:12-14

12 *I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives,*

13 *and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.*

14 *I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him.*

As we read verse 12, we are to rejoice and do good in our lives, and in verse 13, to eat, drink, and enjoy the good of our labor because these things—the food, the drink, and the ability to labor—are gifts of God.

If we change these verses into the first-person voice, it reads, "*There is nothing better than that I should be joyful and do good as long as I live, and to eat and drink and take pleasure in all my work—this is God's gift to me.*" How much good can be had in a life lived with the attitude that He counsels us? What does God specifically mean by "do good"? What He means should be taken in a moral and

ethical sense. To do good is to do good works, and that is our assignment all the time!

Ephesians 2:10 tells us that doing good is the very reason for our calling! "*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*" Regardless of a trial God may have specifically assigned us, doing good works is always our assignment, whether within that specific trial or free from whatever particular discipline the test might typically impose.

Thus, in Ecclesiastes 3:10-14, God is telling us to take joy in His employment of us before the world. Such things would include doing good at home for those we live with, doing good work on the job, doing good in serving the brethren, and doing good within our community when we have the opportunity — always using our spiritual gifts to the best of our abilities. May we enter a new year, faithful in all things!

At His service,
Pr. Teddy Santos