

Life Under The Sun

Our Oppressive Life Ecclesiastes 4:1 - 12

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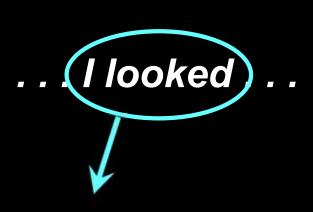




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1st - Oppressed By Oppressors

Ecclesiastes 4:1 - 3



RAHA = "to look or to inspect"



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Examples of this type of oppression:

- Woman gang raped
- ISIS tortured people
- Teenager torched a sleeping man
- Government that ignores the laws
- Dishonest contractors
- People oppress by gossiping

1st - Oppressed By Oppressors

Ecclesiastes 4:1 - 3

Better dead . . . & the best - never existed



2nd – Oppressive Competition

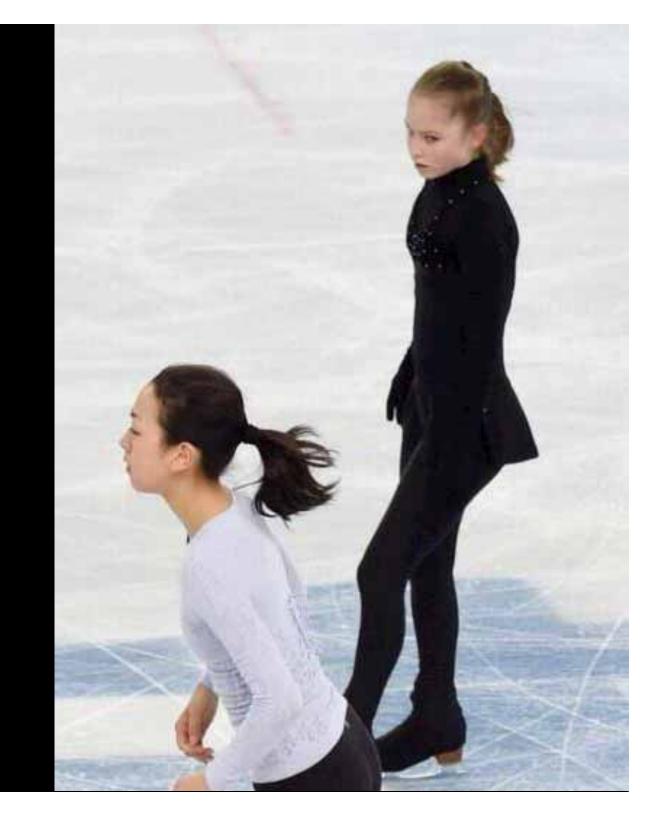
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Competition
At Work

or
In Life



2nd – Oppressive Competition

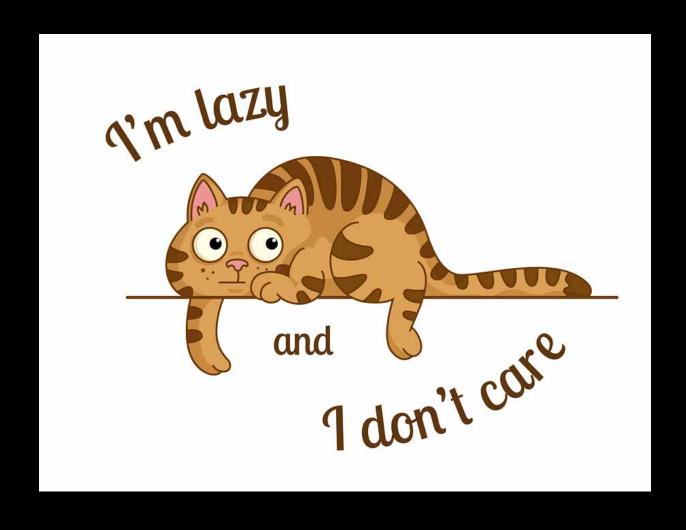
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Examples of this type of oppression:

- Between employees
- In the church
- In the home
- In neighborhoods

Oppression Due to Foolishness

Ecclesiastes 4:5 - 6



4th – Oppression Due Greed

Ecclesiastes 4:7 - 8

Verse 7 - Vanity under the sun

Verse 8 - Greed drives some to become wealthy

5th – Oppression of the Loner

Ecclesiastes 4:9 - 12

Verse 9 - Loner has less productivity

Verse 10 - Loner needs help in crisis

Verse 11 - Loner needs help to be warm

Verse 12 - Loner needs help to be protected

How Do We Respond?

- 1. Be wise and work. Prov. 6:6-11
- 2. When you work, serve the Lord do not compete. Eph. 6:5-6
- 3. Be a team member and not a loner.
- 4. Remember that oppression is due to sin.

How Do We Respond?

6. God allows suffering:

- Act of discipline Heb. 12:4-11
- Prove your faith 1 Peter. 1:6-7
- Glorify God John 9:1-3, 24
- Prevent sin 2 Cor. 12:7-10
- For spiritual growth James 1:1-5