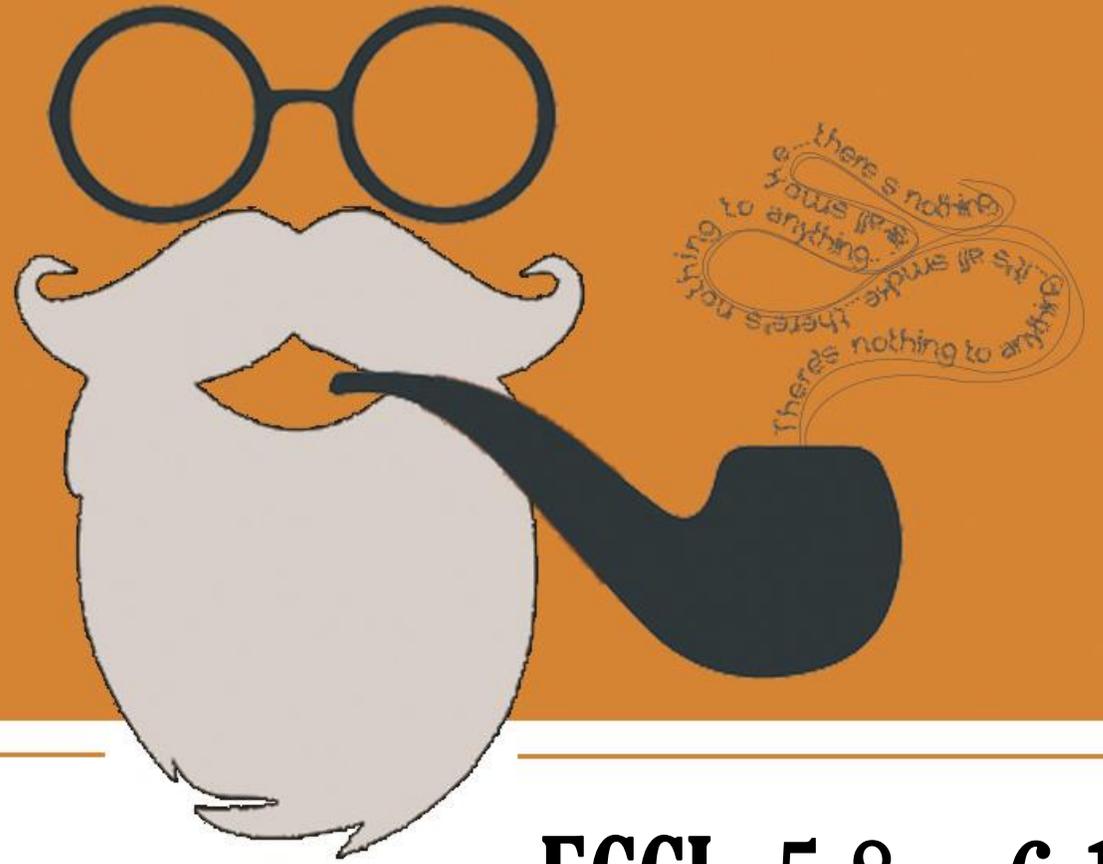


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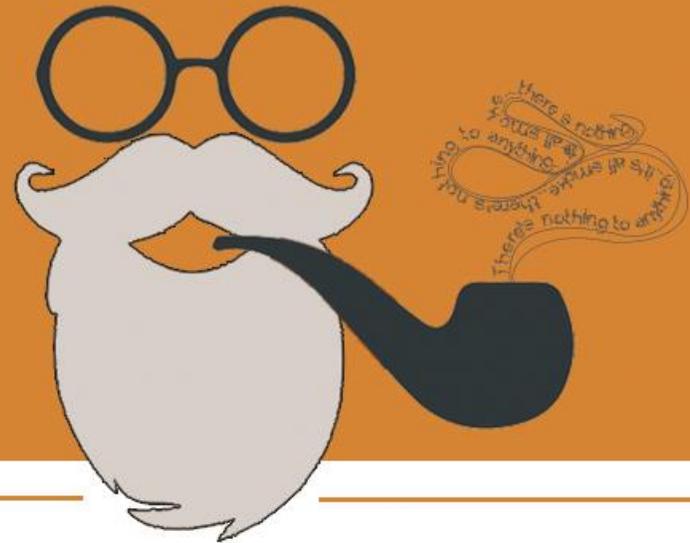
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**THE PURSUIT OF RICHES**

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*And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them.*

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*The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much. The abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.*

**(Eccl. 5:12)**

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**The more you have,  
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*I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:  
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(Eccl. 5:13)*

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## Principle 7:

*Wealth lost through some misfortune.*

**(Eccl. 5:14)**

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**Eccl. 6:12**





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