

**Death of Dreams**  
**Ecclesiastes 4:1-5:20**  
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**The abuse of power produces pain and suffering.** 4:1-16  
"Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun"

- **The abuse of power results in ...** 4:1-8
  - ... intense discouragement  
"But better than both is he who has not yet been born"
  - ... the grasping of one's own power  
"I saw that all toil and all skill come from a man's envy"
  - ... isolation from others  
"one person who has no other, either son or brother"
- **The abuse of power is broken through the ...** 4:9-16
  - ... pursuit of community  
"Two are better than one"
  - ... presence of vulnerability  
"Better was a poor and wise youth than a foolish king"

**The abuse of power rests in ...** 5:1-10

- **making demands of God.** 5:1-7
  - ... many words rather than listening  
"To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools"
  - ... impulsive vows rather than trusting  
"but God is the one you must fear"
- **making demands of others.** 5:8-10  
"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money"

**The death of dreams come as we ...** 5:11-20

- ... **abandon the idea that power brings life.** 5:11-17  
"just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is thereto him who toils for the wind?"
- ... **accept what God has given us with joy.** 5:18-20  
"God keeps Him occupied with joy in his heart"

**Quote:**

"But whoever would be great among you must be your servant." *Jesus*, Mark 10:43