

Ecclesiastes 4:4 And I myself have seen all the hard work and all the proficiency in work, that it means the rivalry of one¹ toward another, this also is vanity and a striving after the wind.

Footnote: One Hebrew, *ish*

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- For there exists the man whose **hard work** has been with wisdom and with knowledge and with **proficiency**, but to a man that has not worked **hard** at such a thing will be given the portion of that one. This too is **vanity** and a big calamity. (**Ecclesiastes 2:21**)
- He did not look with any favor upon Cain and upon his offering. And Cain grew hot with great anger, and his countenance began to fall. (**Genesis 4:5**)
- For he was aware that out of envy they had handed him over. (**Matthew 27:18**)
- Let us not become egotistical, stirring up competition with one another, envying one another. (**Galatians 5:26**)
- Or does it seem to **you** that the scripture says to no purpose: It is with a tendency to envy that the spirit which has taken up residence within us keeps longing? (**James 4:5**)
- Not like Cain, who originated with the wicked one and slaughtered his brother. And for the sake of what did he slaughter him? Because his own **works** were wicked, but those of his brother were righteous. (**1 John 3:12**)
- In time he got to hear the words of the sons of Laban, saying; Jacob has taken everything that belonged to our father, and from what belonged to our father he has amassed all this wealth. (**Genesis 31:1**)
- However, the men of Israel answered the men of Judah and said; We have ten parts in the king, so that even in David we are more than you. Why, then, have you treated us with contempt, and why did not our matter become first for us to bring our king back? But the word of the men of Judah was more severe than the word of the men of Israel. (**2 Samuel 19:43**)

- **And I set my heart to seek and explore wisdom in relation to everything that has been done under the heavens, the calamitous occupation that God has given to the sons of mankind in which to be occupied. (Ecclesiastes 1:13)**
- **Better is the seeing by the eyes than the walking about of the soul. This too is vanity and a striving after the wind. (Ecclesiastes 6:9)**
- **Because there exist many things that are causing much vanity, what advantage does a man have? (Ecclesiastes 6:11)**
- **Everything I have seen during my vain days. There exists the righteous one perishing in his righteousness, and there exists the wicked one continuing long in his badness. (Ecclesiastes 7:15)**
- **At that time the high officials and the satraps themselves were constantly seeking to find some pretext against Daniel respecting the kingdom, but there was no pretext or corrupt thing at all that they were able to find, forasmuch as he was trustworthy and no negligence or corrupt thing at all was found in him. (Daniel 6:4)**
- **If we are living by spirit, let us go on walking orderly also by spirit. (Galatians 5:25)**