

FOUR THINGS WE SHOULD KNOW

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. **Also He has put eternity in their hearts,** except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.”
Ecclesiastes 3:11

There are four things we should know about every person on this earth. No matter how successful they are, how unsuccessful they are, how famous they are, how beautiful and handsome they are, or how unattractive and plain they may be, everyone shares these four traits.

One, there is an essential emptiness in every person who hasn't yet come to Christ. Everyone is essentially empty. No matter how much money or prestige someone has, everyone has to deal with that emptiness. Because we are made in the image of God, we have an inborn inquisitiveness about eternal realities. We can find peace only when we come to know our eternal Creator. Even then, we know God only in part (1 Cor. 13:12).

Scripture says that God made His creation subject to vanity or emptiness, meaning there is a void – a hole, if you will – inside every man, woman, and child.

Two, people are lonely. We can assume there is a sense of loneliness in every individual. Albert Einstein once wrote, “It is strange to be known so universally and yet be so lonely.” People are lonely. We need to know that.

Three, people have a sense of guilt. They may try to mask it with alcohol or have a psychologist or psychiatrist tell them it is not there. But they have to deal with their guilt over things they have done wrong.

The head of a mental institution in London once said, “I could release half of my patients if I could find a way to relieve them of their sense of guilt.”

Four, people are afraid to die. Some may strut around and say, “Not me. I’m not afraid to die.” But they are.

So don’t be intimidated by the facades that people hide behind and assume they don’t want to hear what you have to say about your faith in Christ.

Remember, you used to be one of those people. I used to be one of those people. And we responded to the gospel. So will they.

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