





Four "under the sun" observations from life that cause men "to give up on God" and a few "beyond the sun" solutions

SOLUTIONS

1) men are <u>OPPRESSED</u>











"Why did I ever come out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow and to end my days in shame?"

Jeremiah 20:18

PROBLEMS

1) men are <u>OPPRESSED</u>

SOLUTIONS

1) NO solution given

SOLUTIONS

2) men are <u>RIVALS</u> and struggle with <u>COMPULSIONS</u>

"How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?"

Proverbs 6:9

"A sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not even bring it back to his mouth!"

Proverbs 19:24

"As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed."

Proverbs 26:14



"For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'"

II Thessalonians 3:10



SOLUTIONS

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2) men are <u>RIVALS</u> 2) <u>BALANCE</u> is better than burn-out

SOLUTIONS

3) men are <u>ISOLATED</u>

> "Loneliness is not the absence of faces. It is the absence of intimacy. Loneliness doesn't come from being alone; it comes from feeling alone."

> > Max Lucado

"The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted, uncared for, and deserted by everybody. The greatest evil is the lack of love."

Mother Teresa

PROBLEMS

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3) value RELATIONSHIPS

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4) fame is <u>FLEETING</u>, popularity is <u>TEMPORARY</u>

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4) fame is <u>FLEETING</u>, 4) NO solution given popularity is <u>TEMPORARY</u>

Don't give up on God when life does not seem fair... <u>TRUST</u> rather than <u>DESPAIR!</u>

