

# The Christian Arsenal

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## WHY ISN'T LIFE FAIR? Answering Life's Toughest Questions

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Part 4 of 7  
Eccl. 4:1

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### I. THE REALITY: LIFE IS UNFAIR!

Five examples:

#### 1. Criminals go unpunished.

*"Why do people commit crimes? Because crime is not punished quickly enough." Eccl. 8:11 (GN)*

#### 2. The oppressed are unhelped.

*"Then I looked again at all the injustice that goes on in this world. The oppressed were crying and no one would help them... their oppressors had power on this side." Eccl. 4:1 (GN)*

#### 3. Politicians are unethical.

*"If you see miscarriage of justice anywhere throughout the land, don't be surprised! For every official is under orders from higher up, and the higher officials look up to their superiors. And so the matter is lost in red tape and bureaucracy." Eccl. 5:8 (LB)*

*"Here is an injustice I have seen ... an injustice caused by rulers. Stupid people are given positions of authority." Eccl. 10:5,6 (GN)*

#### 4. Good people are unrewarded.

*"There's something else meaningless ... righteous men who get what the wicked deserve and wicked men who get what the righteous deserve." Eccl. 8:14*

#### 5. Capable people are unsuccessful.

*"In this world fast runners do not always win the races ... wise men don't always earn a living, intelligent men don't always get rich, and capable men don't always rise to high positions." Eccl. 9:11 (GN)*

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## II. THE REASON: WHY DOES GOD LET IT HAPPEN?

### 1. Because He gives us the freedom to choose.

*"I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse..."* Deut. 11:26  
He wants you to love Him because you choose to love Him not because you have to.

### 2. Because judgment is coming.

*"In due season God will judge everything man does, both good and bad."* Eccl. 3:17 (LB)

### 3. Because He wants to show us we need a Savior.

*"There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never sins."*  
Eccl. 7:20

The reason why the world is unjust is because it's full of unjust people.

*"God is letting the world go on its sinful way so He can test mankind, and so that men will see that they are no better than beasts."* Eccl. 3:18 (LB)

*"We have all sinned ... yet now god declares us 'not guilty' ... if we trust in Jesus Christ who freely takes away our sins."* Romans 3:23-24 (LB)

### 4. Because pain can develop character.

*"... suffering produces character ..."* Romans 5:4

You always learn more from failure than you do successes.  
You always learn more from pain than you do pleasure.

## III. MY RESPONSE: HOW SHOULD I REACT?

### 1. Accept that life is unfair.

*"In the world you will have trouble."* John 16:33

Although you cannot control the circumstances in your life, you can control your reaction to them.

### 2. Do the right thing anyway.

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*“Learn to do it right. See that justice is done, help those who are oppressed.”*  
Isaiah 1:17

Even when the world is unfair, you maintain your own integrity.

*“The righteous care about injustice.”* Prov. 29:7

*“Don’t be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.”* Romans 12:21  
(NKJV)

*“Because God does not punish people instantly people feel it is safe to do wrong.  
But those who fear God will be better off.”* Eccl. 8:11-12 (LB)

### 3. Wait for God’s reward.

*“These ... temporary troubles are winning for us a permanent reward out of all proportion to our pain.”* 2 Cor. 4:17 (Ph)

#### HOW DO I GET THESE REWARDS?

- You admit that you are as unjust as anyone else.
- Let God settle the score in life.

#### WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW:

- God has your best interest at heart.
- He has given you the freedom of choice.
- You’re going to be judged one day for your choices.
- If you respond the right way, you’re going to be rewarded for it.

**THAT’S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW – GOD IS GOING TO SETTLE THE SCORE.**