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## **Ecclesiastes 1:1-6**

**These are the words of the Teacher, King David's son, who ruled in Jerusalem.**

**“Everything is meaningless,” says the Teacher, “completely meaningless!”**

**What do people get for all their hard work under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth never changes. The sun rises and the sun sets, then hurries around to rise again.**

**The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around it goes, blowing in circles.**

## **Ecclesiastes 1:7-11**

**Rivers run into the sea, but the sea is never full. Then the water returns again to the rivers and flows out again to the sea.**

**Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content.**

**History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new. Sometimes people say, “Here is something new!”**

**But actually it is old; nothing is ever truly new. We don't remember what happened in the past, and in future generations, no one will remember what we are doing now.**

## **Ecclesiastes 4:1-3**

**Again, I observed all the oppression that takes place under the sun. I saw the tears of the oppressed, with no one to comfort them. The oppressors have great power, and their victims are helpless.**

**So I concluded that the dead are better off than the living.**

**But most fortunate of all are those who are not yet born. For they have not seen all the evil that is done under the sun.**

## **John 10:8-10**

**I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.**

**The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

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**I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows). [AMPLIFIED]**



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# A QUEST FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE

# The Pleasure Quest

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## **Ecclesiastes 2:1-3**

**I said to myself, “Come on, let’s try pleasure. Let’s look for the ‘good things’ in life.” But I found that this, too, was meaningless.**

**So I said, “Laughter is silly. What good does it do to seek pleasure?”**

**After much thought, I decided to cheer myself with wine. And while still seeking wisdom, I clutched at foolishness. In this way, I tried to experience the only happiness most people find during their brief life in this world.**



**Ecclesiastes 2:4-6, 8a**

**I tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards.**

**I made gardens and parks, filling them with all kinds of fruit trees.**

**I built reservoirs to collect the water to irrigate my many flourishing groves.**

**I collected great sums of silver and gold, the treasure of many kings and provinces.**

## **Ecclesiastes 2:8b, 10-11**

**I hired wonderful singers, both men and women, and had many beautiful concubines. I had everything a man could desire!**

**So I became greater than all who had lived in Jerusalem before me, and my wisdom never failed me.**

**Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors.**

**But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.**

**Luke 12:15, Matthew 16:26**

**And He (Jesus) said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”**

**Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”**

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**For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?**

## **Matthew 6:19-21**

**Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.**

**Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.**

**Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be**

**Ephesians 2:10, 1 Corinthians 15:58**

**For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

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**So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.**



# The Labor Quest

**Ecclesiastes 3:11, 4:4-6**

**What profit has the worker from that in which he labors?**

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**Then I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind.**

**“Fools fold their idle hands, leading them to ruin.”**

**And yet, “Better to have one handful with quietness than two handfuls with hard work and chasing the wind.”**

## **Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 Enjoying The Present**

**Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage.**

**As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this is the gift of God.**

**God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.**



## **1 Thessalonians 4:11, 5:16-18**

**Aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands.**

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**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

## **1 Timothy 6:6-10**

**Now godliness with contentment is great gain.**

**For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.**

**But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.**

**For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**



# The Wisdom Quest

## **Ecclesiastes 2:12-15**

**So I decided to compare wisdom with foolishness and madness (for who can do this better than I, the king?).**

**I thought, “Wisdom is better than foolishness, just as light is better than darkness.**

**For the wise can see where they are going, but fools walk in the dark.” Yet I saw that the wise and the foolish share the same fate.**

**Both will die. So I said to myself, “Since I will end up the same as the fool, what’s the value of all my wisdom? This is all so meaningless!”**

## **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

**Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.**

**And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.**

**And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.**

## **Matthew 22:36-40**

**“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”**

**Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’**

**This is the first and greatest commandment.**

**A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**

**The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”**



**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

**Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:  
Fear God and keep His commandments,  
For this is man's all.**

**For God will bring every work into judgment,  
Including every secret thing,  
Whether good or evil.**

# A Quest For The Meaning of Life

- **The Pleasure Quest**

Walking Out God's Purpose Has Great Fulfillment

- **The Labor Quest**

Enjoying Your Life Now With A Thankful Heart

- **The Wisdom Quest**

Bringing Everything Back To A Motive of Love





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# A QUEST FOR THE MEANING OF LIFE

**The End**