

SOLOMON – Asked God for W_____, wrote Proverbs to give youth practical daily wisdom, and wrote Ecclesiastes to help us deal with the BIG I_____ of Life

1. The BIG QUESTION: Is there a R_____ and U_____ Meaning to Life?

Solomon’s Laboratory – He was testing out every area of life to answer this question

Ecc. 2:10 All that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor.”

REACT TO THIS VERSE: _____


2. Solomon’s Conclusion: Can a person find real and ultimate satisfaction in this life?

Answer: Everything is _____ which means: _____

What evidence do we have from the world searching for satisfaction today? Have the found it?

Wisdom about Solomon’s conclusion

- He is speaking from a H_____ viewpoint – which means it is without _____
- He is trying to push his readers further to ask – is there another way. And there is.

Key Point:  If God is at _____ of anything, then it has purpose, meaning, and value – and thereby will find _____

3. Why Can’t We Find Satisfaction Here?

Ecc. 1:8 ...the eye is not satisfied with seeing, the ear is not satisfied with hearing

Ecc. 2:11 “Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, **everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind**; nothing was gained under the sun.

Pr. 27:20 “... the eyes or man are NEVER satisfied”

- V_____ is when I experience satisfaction, but I cannot h_____ it or m_____ it.
Another word for it is a “mist” and it is also referred to as the “wind”
It is V_____ just not T_____
- R_____ - so we can get the feeling/experience back again.
The Law of diminishing return means we need m_____ than before!
- The Missing I_____
There is a God-sized h_____ in all of us. We try to cram a lot of things into it.
What we need is the aspect of the E_____ but all things here are T_____

4. How Can I make things E_____

Two Key Truths

(1) Every Stage of life has it’s own aspects that can give us satisfaction – if God is at the Center!

(2) Everything I do can have Eternal Significance if I am doing it unto the Lord

Col. 3:23 “*Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,*

²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance.

It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”

Table Questions

1. How do I know if I have made God the center of something that I am doing?

2. How does putting God at the center of something will bring me satisfaction?