

Ecclesiastes

The Search for Meaning

Pleasure

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Test #1: Pleasure

Test #2: Projects

Test #3: Possessions

Application:

- 1) Sensual pleasure is only good while it lasts.
- 2) Sensual pleasure always leaves you wanting more.
- 3) Sensual pleasure is void of ultimate meaning.

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) What are the things in your life that bring you the most pleasure? Try to be really honest with yourself. If you had no accountability and all the resources at your disposal, what would you do?
- 2) Read 1 Kings 7:1-12. Solomon had a great house. Are you satisfied with your home? Do you long for a dream home? Would you be happy in it?
- 3) Note the downside of pleasure-seeking. Read 1 Kings 11:1-6. Why did Solomon compromise in this critical area?
- 4) How can we keep from getting caught up in the pursuit of pleasure in this pleasure-crazed world? List practical action steps.

Memory Verse
Ecclesiastes 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.”