

## Avoiding the Vanity of the Rat Race

### Intro:

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#### **1 – Working in Order to Outdo Others: (4:4-6)**

A. The attitude described: *Envy*

B. The insight of faith: *Rest and contentment are the gifts of God.*  
(Phil. 4:11-13)

#### **2 – Working at the Expense of Others: (4:7-12)**

A. The attitude described: *Workaholicism (greed)*

B. The insight of faith: *Relationships are the gifts of God.*  
(Gal. 6:1-2; Heb. 3:13; 2 Cor. 2:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:14)

#### **3 – Working to be Praised by Others: (4:13-16)**

A. The attitude described: *Pride*

B. The insight of faith: *Wisdom and humility are the gifts of God.*  
(Ecc. 2:26; Prov. 3:7; Rom. 12:16)

### Concluding thoughts: