

The Vanity of Pleasure Seeking

Intro:

1 – Solomon’s Pleasure Seeking Commitment: (2:1)

A. Notice the self-centeredness of his plan: “I” is mentioned in every verse and “for myself” 6 times.

2 – Solomon’s Pleasure Seeking Devices: (2:2-8)

A. Experiences to fill-up the void: (2:2-3)

B. Achievements to challenge the boredom: (2:4-6)

C. Possessions to quench the appetite: (2:7-8)

3 – Solomon’s Pleasure Seeking Assessment: (2:9-11)

A. It was fun! (2:9-10)

B. It was empty! (2:11)

C. Why?

1) Positively: Human beings weren’t designed to be satisfied this way (3:11)

2) Negatively: The lies of pleasure seeking

a) The law of unfulfilled expectations:

b) The law of diminishing returns:

c) The law of unintended consequences:

Concluding Reflections:

CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS

1. WHAT DID SUPER BOWL WINNING QUARTERBACK TOM BRADY SAY ABOUT LIFE?
2. WHERE IS SOLOMON LOOKING FOR ANSWERS NOW?
3. WHY IS LAUGHING NOT THE ANSWER?
4. WHY IS TAKING DRUGS OR DRINKING NOT THE ANSWER?
5. WHAT KIND OF THINGS DID SOLOMON ACHIEVE AND BUILD?
6. WHAT DID SOLOMON THINK AFTER THIS EXPERIMENT?
7. WHY IS SEEKING PLEASURE APART FROM GOD NOT THE ANSWER?
8. HOW IS PLEASURE GOOD?
9. HOW CAN SEEKING PLEASURE BECOME AN IDOL?
10. WHERE IS TRUE AND LASTING PLEASURE FOUND?