

# What Is the Purpose of Life?

Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

**Ecclesiastes 2:10–11** “And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. 11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun”.

**Ecclesiastes 2:17-18** “So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind. 18 I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me”.

**Ecclesiastes 12:13** “The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man”.

## I. You've Got Life to Know Your God

**Deut. 6:1-2** “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, 2 that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments”.

**Mt. 16:26** “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

**Ps. 145:18-19** “The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them”.

## II. You've Got Life to Enjoy Simple Things

**Ecclesiastes 3:12** “I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime”.

**Ecclesiastes 3:22** “I have seen that nothing is better than that man should be happy in his activities, for that is his lot”.

**Luke 12:15** “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”

**1 Timothy 6:6-8** “But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. 7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. 8 If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content”.

### **III. You've Got Life to Please God**

**Hebrews 11:6** “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him”.

**Colossians 3:3-5** “3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”.

**Verses 8-10** “But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator”.

**Verses 12-15** “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful”.

**Rom. 8:26** “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words”.

**Eccl 2:26b** “but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind”.

**John 10:10** “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”.

**Mt 11:29** “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”