



FOOL PT 2: DO AS I SAY, NOT AS I DO

What is the meaning of life? That question has sent people looking and searching for “purpose” through fame, power, money, sex, and substances. Think about your life. What is the MAIN thing? What is the most important thing? What are you pursuing and why? What is your priority?

Big Idea: Life becomes pointless when you remove God from your priorities.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If someone were to audit the last seven days of your life based on your finances, where you spent your time, what you watched, and who you spent time with, what would they discover? What would stand out as your priority?
2. In your past, what things have you pursued hoping that they made life meaningful and enjoyable? How did that work out?
3. Did those pursuits provide the lasting internal peace, joy, and satisfaction that you had hoped for? Why or why not?
4. Read [Ecclesiastes 2:1-11](#). What grabs your attention in this text? What questions or thoughts arise as you reflect on what it's saying? In being so honest about his life, Solomon helps us to learn from his experience. What things in your life experience could similarly be useful to share with others?
5. Is there anything in your present that you are pursuing apart from God hoping that it makes your life meaningful and enjoyable?
6. Read [Ecclesiastes 8:9-16](#). Do you believe that Solomon's conclusion (that apart from God even the best things in external life fail to satisfy us internally) is true for you? What insight(s) from Solomon's showing us the “math” for the rest of the Bible were most helpful to you? Why?
7. In what ways does our culture desperately need to hear the message of Ecclesiastes 2:1-11? How does this text critique our city's way of life? Its priorities?
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