

SESSION 1

[Chasing More.]

We spend our whole life **chasing more** . . . more power,
more money, more sex, more happiness, more of everything.
But Solomon reminds us with his life-long experiment that
MORE will never be enough!

But his answer to *chasing more* might surprise you.
Instead of *avoiding* the things we chase, Solomon
teaches us to **ENJOY them as GIFTS from God.**

God is the creator and giver of everything good, and it brings
him great pleasure when we enjoy his gifts and say **Thank You.**

CHASING MORE.

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Ecclesiastes 1

² “Everything is meaningless,”

says the Teacher, “completely meaningless!”

⁸ “Everything is wearisome beyond description.

No matter how much we see, *we are never satisfied.*

No matter how much we hear, *we are never content.”*

Problem.

*We chase more - but more is **never enough.***

More is NEVER enough.

Ecclesiastes 2

¹ I said to myself, “Come on, let’s try pleasure.

Let’s look for the ‘**Good Things**’ in life.”

But I found that this too was meaningless.

- **Even GOOD things can become GOD things.**

⁸ I had everything a man could desire! ⁹ So I became greater than all who had lived in Jerusalem before me, and my wisdom never failed me. ¹⁰ Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure.

¹¹ But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless - *like chasing the wind.* There was *nothing* really worthwhile anywhere.

- **NO thing or NO one can ever satisfy you.**

¹⁷ So I have come to hate life because *everything* done here under the sun is so troubling.

Everything is meaningless - like chasing the wind.

Q: What are you chasing?

Answer.

Thank God and enjoy his gifts.

THANK God and ENJOY His Gifts.

Ecclesiastes 2

²⁴ So I decided there is nothing better than *to enjoy* food and drink and *to find satisfaction* in work. Then I realized that ***these pleasures are from the hand of God.*** ²⁵ For who can eat or enjoy anything apart from him? ²⁶ For *God gives* wisdom, knowledge, and joy to those who please him.

Q: Do you worship the GIFT or the GIVER?

- **Thank God for WHAT you have.**

Ecclesiastes 9

⁷ So go ahead. Eat your food with joy, and drink your wine with a happy heart, for *God approves of this!*
⁸ Wear fine clothes, with a splash of cologne!

- **Thank God for WHERE you are.**

Ecclesiastes 5

¹⁹ To enjoy your work and *accept your lot in life* - this is indeed a Gift from God.

- **Thank God for WHO he is.**

Ecclesiastes 5

² *God is in heaven*, and you are on earth.
So let your words be few.

“Grateful makes you HUMBLE and HUSTLE.”