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Enjoy Yourself!

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11



The proverbs
of Solomon,
son of David,
king of Israel.

Proverbs 1:1

The words of
the preacher,
the son of David,
king in Jerusalem.

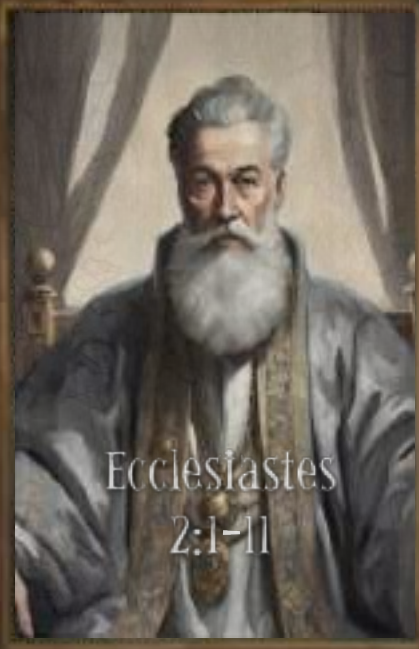
Ecclesiastes 1:1

Preacher

Ecclesiastes

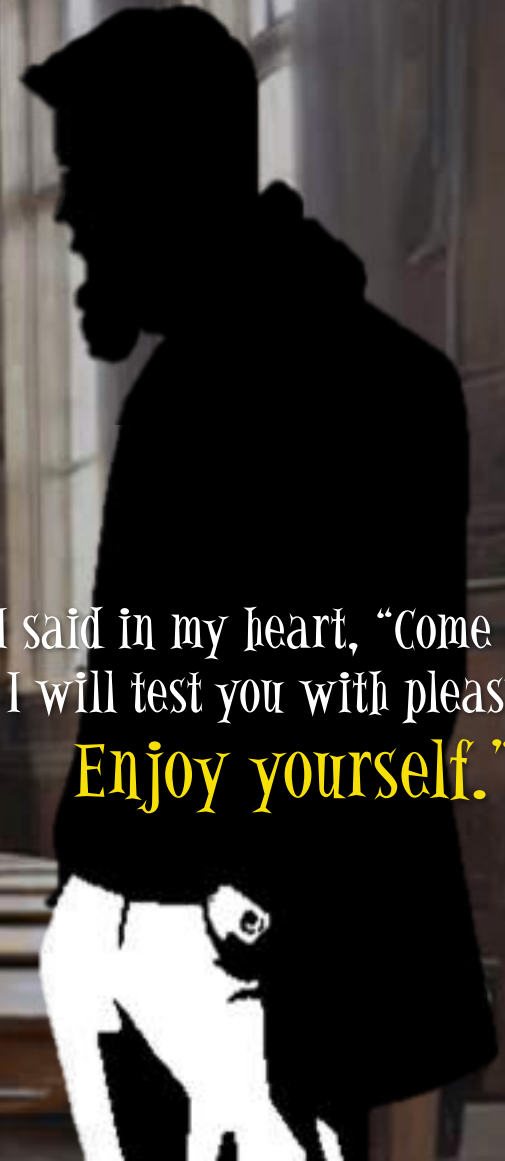
Lady Wisdom

Proverbs



Ecclesiastes
2:1-11

I said in my heart, "Come now,
I will test you with pleasure;
Enjoy yourself."



I said of laughter, “It is mad”
And of pleasure “What use is it?”

I searched with my heart
how to cheer my body with wine

My heart still guiding me with wisdom
– and how to lay hold of folly, till...



Till I might see what was good
for the children of man
to do under heaven
during the few days
of their life.





Enjoy
Yourself!

The Pleasure Experiment

I made great works,
I built houses and
planted vineyards for **myself**.

I made **myself** gardens and parks,
and planted in them all
kinds of fruit trees.



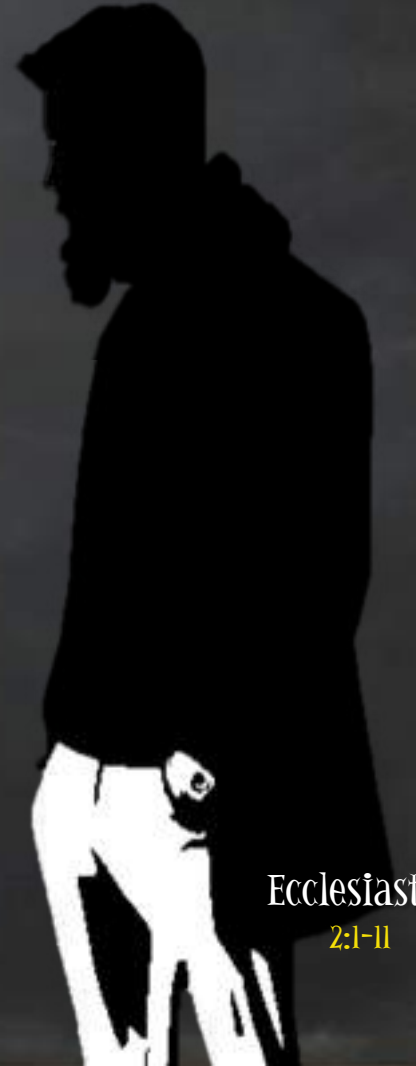
I bought male and female slaves, and
slaves who were born in **my** house,

I had also great possessions of herds
and flocks, more than any
who had been before **me** in Jerusalem

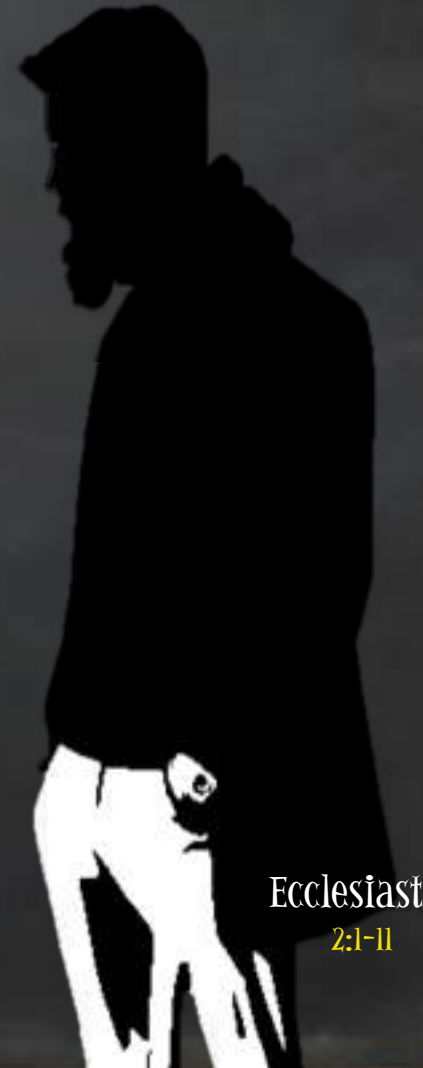


I also gathered for **myself** silver and gold
and the treasure of kings and provinces.

I got singers, both men and women,
and many concubines,
the delight of the sons of man.



So **I** became great and
SURPASSED ALL
who were before **me**
in Jerusalem.



Ecclesiastes
2:1-11

Also **my** wisdom
remained with **me**

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.

Ecclesiastes
2:1-11





ENJOY
Yourself!

“And this was the reward for my toil.”



Pleasure
Experiment



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“Rule of 72”

Annual Rate of Return



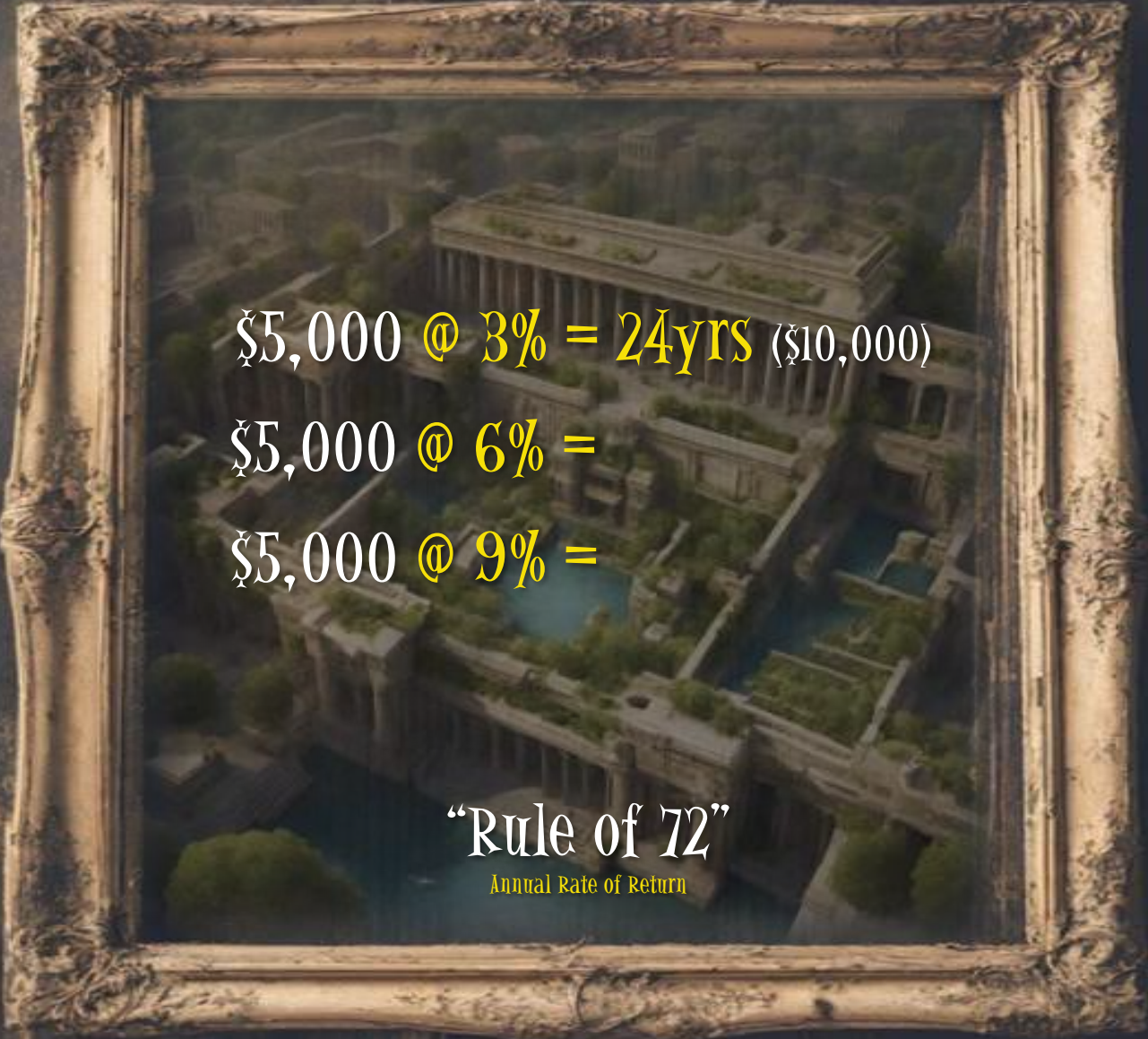
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Annual Rate of Return



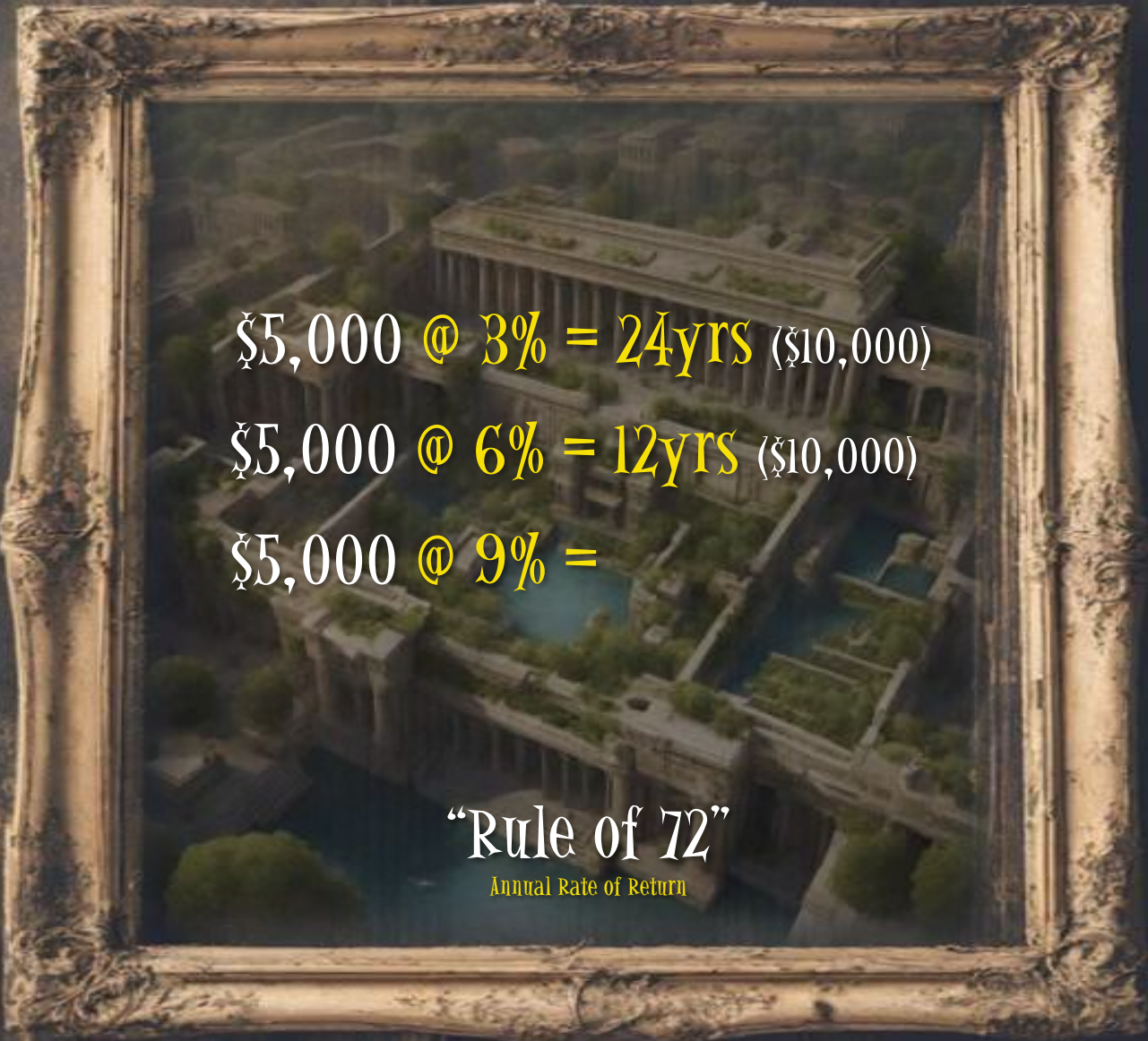
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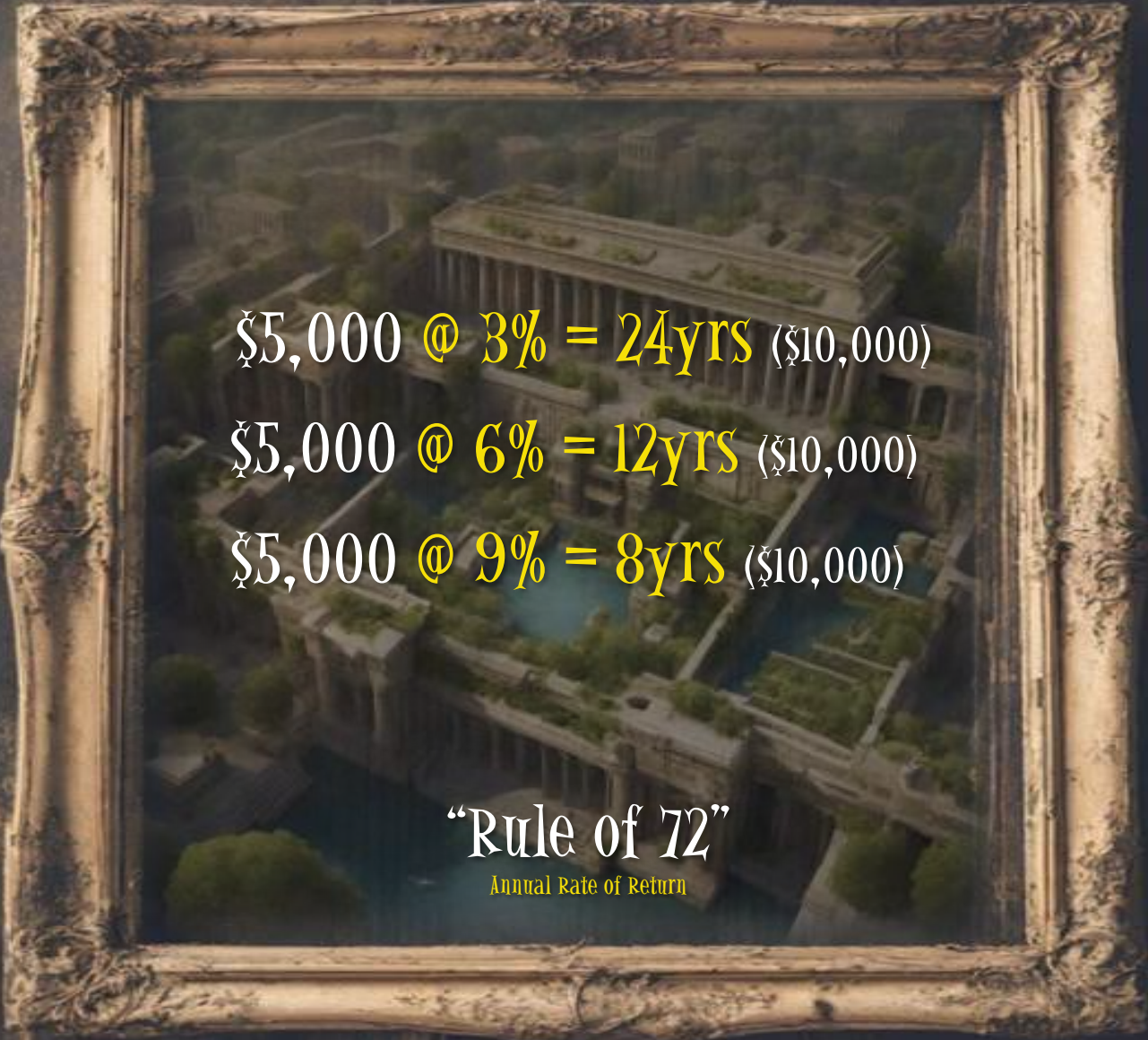
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“Rule of 72”

Annual Rate of Return

A painting of a cityscape, possibly a university campus, is displayed in a large, ornate, weathered wooden frame. The frame is mounted on a dark, textured wall. The painting shows a large building with a central courtyard and a river or canal. The scene is viewed from an elevated perspective.

$\$5,000 @ 3\% = 24\text{yrs}$ (\$10,000)

$\$5,000 @ 6\% = 12\text{yrs}$ (\$10,000)

$\$5,000 @ 9\% = 8\text{yrs}$ (\$10,000)

“Rule of 72”

Annual Rate of Return

At 40 Years Old...

\$10,000 @ 12% = \$20,000 (46yr)

@ 12% = \$40,000 (52yr)

@ 12% = \$80,000 (58yr)

“Rule of 72”

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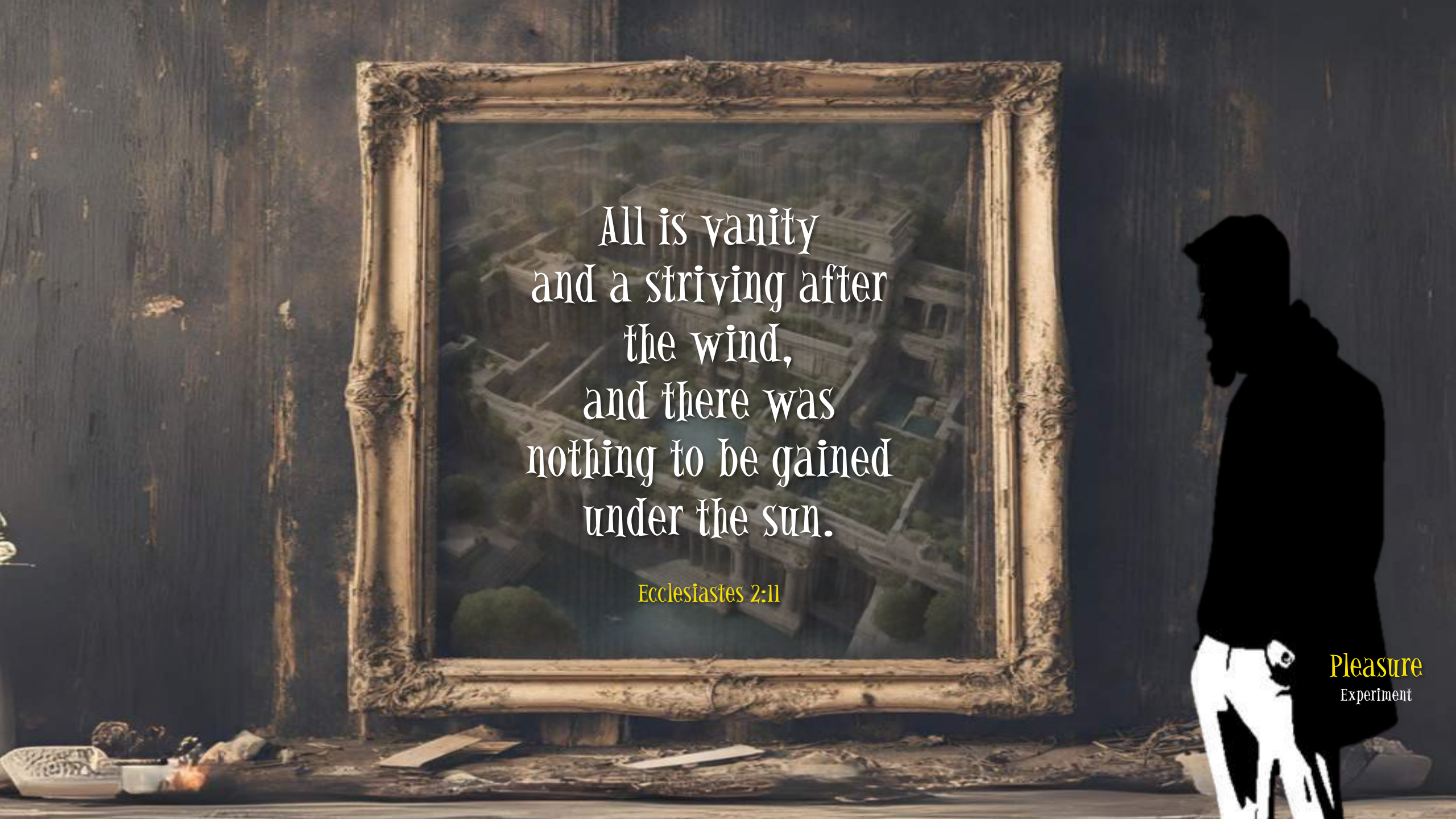
“Then I considered...”



Pleasure
Experiment

Then I considered all that
my hands had done
and the toil
I had expended in doing it,
And behold...



A man's silhouette is shown in profile on the right side of the image, looking towards a large, ornate, golden-brown picture frame. The frame is set against a dark, textured wall. Inside the frame, a cityscape is visible, appearing somewhat faded and ethereal. The text is centered within the frame. The floor in the foreground is dark and cluttered with some debris, including a small bowl and some papers.

All is vanity
and a striving after
the wind,
and there was
nothing to be gained
under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:11

Pleasure
Experiment

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- ★ Vanity of Building Houses
 - ★ Vanity of Investing in Property
 - ★ Vanity of Planting Gardens
 - ★ Vanity of Installing Pools
 - ★ Vanity of Growing Businesses
 - ★ Vanity of Collector Pieces
 - ★ Vanity of Entertainment
 - ★ Vanity of Promiscuity
 - ★ Vanity of Great Riches
 - ★ Vanity of Amassing Gold



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And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel.

1 Kings 11:9



Pleasure
Experiment



The Preacher 

@Ecclesiastes 2:11

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Lady Wisdom 

@Proverbs 1:19

Such is the fate of all who are **greedy for ill-gotten gain**; it robs them of life.



Pleasure
Experiment



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Greed Rate of Return

Lady Wisdom

Portrait of the Greedy

A woman's silhouette in a white top and black skirt stands on the left, looking at a painting in a large, ornate, gold frame. The painting depicts a man with a large nose and a wide, toothy grin, wearing a blue shirt and a red tie. The background is a dark, textured wall.

#1 Never has Enough

“Do not wear yourself
out trying to get rich.
Be wise enough to know
when to quit.

Proverbs 23:4

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Greed Rate of Return

A woman's silhouette is shown in profile on the left, looking towards a large, ornate, gold-framed painting. The painting depicts a man with a large nose and a red tie, who appears to be a miserly or stingy character. The background is a dark, textured wall. The floor in front of the painting is cluttered with debris, including a broken bowl and some papers.

#2 Withholds Generosity

“The stingy are eager
to get rich and are
unaware that poverty
awaits them.”

Proverbs 28:22

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Greed Rate of Return

A woman's silhouette is shown in profile on the left, looking towards a large, ornate, gold-framed painting. The painting depicts a man with a large, balding head, a wide, toothy grin, and a blue shirt with a red tie. The background of the painting is dark and textured. The scene is set against a dark, wood-paneled wall. The floor is cluttered with debris, including a broken bowl and some papers.

#3 Stirs Up Conflict

“The greedy stir up
conflict, but those
who trust in the LORD
will prosper.

Proverbs 28:25

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Greed Rate of Return



#4 Troubles a Family

“Whoever is greedy for unjust gain troubles his own household, but he who hates a bribe will live.”

Proverbs 15:27

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Greed Rate of Return



#5 Manipulates the Naïve

“Whoever oppresses the poor
to increase his own wealth,
or gives to the rich, will only
come to poverty.”

Proverbs 22:16

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Greed Rate of Return

A woman in silhouette stands on the left, looking at a painting in a large, ornate, gold-colored frame. The painting depicts a man in a suit and tie, smiling broadly. The background is a dark, textured wall. The floor is cluttered with debris, including a bowl and some papers.

#6 Yearns to be “Rich”

“A good name is more
desirable than great riches;
to be esteemed is better than
silver or gold.”

Proverbs 22:1

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Greed Rate of Return

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Lady Wisdom 

@Proverbs 21:17

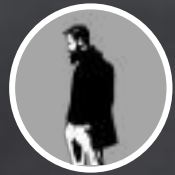
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The Preacher 

@Ecclesiastes 2:12-13

So I turned to consider wisdom, and madness, and folly. For what can man do
who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. Then I saw there is
more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is **more gain** in light than in darkness.



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Lady Wisdom 

@Proverbs 3:13-14

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who **gain** understanding,
for she is more profitable than silver and **yields better returns** than gold.



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Generous Rate of Return

Lady Wisdom

Portrait of the Generous



1. Money Grows when Generosity Flows!

“One gives freely,
yet grows all the richer;
another withholds
what he should give,
and only suffers want.”

Proverbs 11:24

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Generous Rate of Return



2. Those who Refresh will be Refreshed!

“The generous will
prosper; those who
refresh others will be
refreshed.”

Proverbs 11:25

GRR!

Generous Rate of Return




3. A gift to the Poor Goes to the Lord!

“Whoever is generous
to the poor lends to the
Lord, and He will repay
him for his deed.”

Proverbs 19:17

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Generous Rate of Return



1. Blesses the **G**iver

2. Blesses the **R**eceiver

3. Blesses the **R**ewarder

“God loves a Cheerful Giver!”

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Generous Rate of Return



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“Generous Rate of Return”

“The Triple Threat”



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“Generous Rate of Return”

TIME TREASURE TALENT

“The Triple Threat”



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Ephesians 5:16

TIME TREASURE TALENT

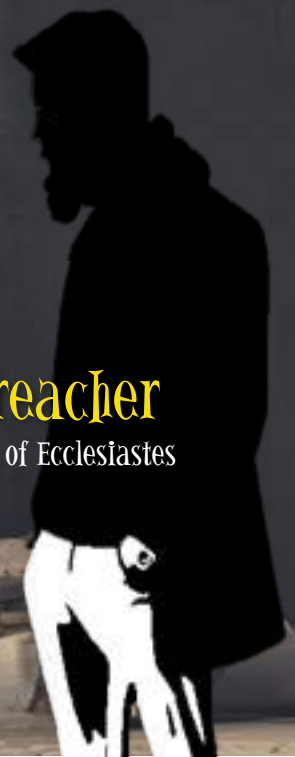
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Lady Wisdom
Book of Proverbs



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Book of Ecclesiastes



RAPATA

1 Thessalonians 5:16

God's Will for you in this Season may not be found
in a **destination**, but in a **disposition**.



How could you
best **RAPATA** in the
season of life
you currently find
yourself in?



TADAAA!

Proverbs 3:5-6

God's Will for you in this Season may not be found
in a **destination**, but in a **decision**.



How could you
best **TADAAA** in the
season of life
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yourself in?





GRR!

Ephesians 5:16

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How could you
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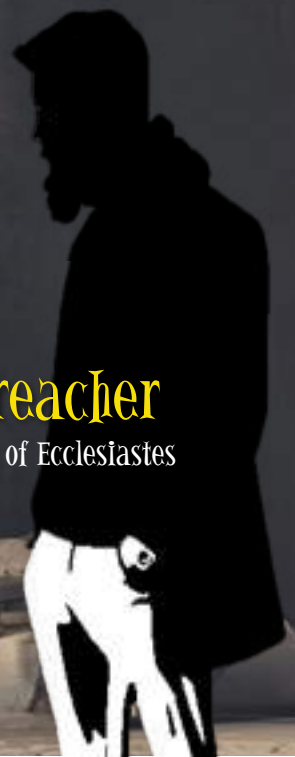




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