

I. The Logic Of The Earthly Man (1-2)

- A. It is rooted in error (1a) - "I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself."**
- B. It is incapable of satisfying (1b) - "But behold, this also was vanity."**
- C. It is spiritually frustrating (2) - "I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?"**

II. The Pursuits Of The Empty Man (3-10)

- A. Intoxication (3) - "I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine-my heart still guiding me with wisdom-and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life."**
- B. Accomplishments (4-6) - "I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. 5 I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. 6 I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees."**
- C. Possessions (7-8a) - "I bought male and female slaves, and had 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. 8a I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women..."**
- D. Sexual Conquest (8b) - "...and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man."**
- E. Prestige (9) - "So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me."**
- F. Consumerism (10) - "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."**

III. The Conclusions of the Enlightened Man (11)

- A. The evaluation of what he had done (11a) - "Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it..."**
- B. The importance of what he had learned (11b) - "...and behold..." It was important to Solomon for others to know what he had learned**
- C. The summary about his substitutes (11c) - "...all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun."**