Vanity- Throughout the book he uses the same word to communicate that everything is meaningless, a vapor, absurd, no lasting value, temporary, like the promise of an idol, unsatisfying, and unfulfilling.

There are different opinions in our country and in the world on what constitutes a fulfilling life

71% said that living a fulfilled or good life is different for them than for their parents. T

76% of those polled believe that a good and satisfying life is defined by meaningful engagement with families and their communities, including those in need and the environment.

66% of those polled believe that a good and satisfying life is defined by having good health and living a simple and balanced life.

Only 26% believed the path to a good and satisfying life is through financial independence, and only 10% believe it can be attained through the accomplishment of personal goals.

In a conundrum, 62% of Americans report the #1 obstacle to having good life is income, while at the same time 78% believe that money cannot buy happiness.

Ecclesiastes addresses whether or not anything in the world is capable of giving meaning to life.

What satisfaction, reward, or fulfillment can I have with the life I build here on earth?

- 1. No matter what we do as individuals or as a generation, we will not last and neither will our accomplishments.
- 2. Everything that you do today will be behind you tomorrow.
- 3. You cannot control or predict what happens in life.
- 4. Nothing in this world will cause your life to overflow

You will never have enough to bring satisfaction and fulfillment.

There will never be anything in this world that will bring satisfaction and fulfillment

New versions and upgrades continue to prove that nothing we do, find, or make has the capacity or power to change the world.

Ultimately the writer of Ecclesiastes demonstrates that what was lost in the garden, is lost without the intervention of God.

Jesus teaches us that what was lost in the garden is gained by following Him and promised for all eternity.

Losing your life for His sake means that you forsake, repudiate, disown, forfeit, and totally disregard your plans, dreams, and desires for the sake of Jesus.

Jesus is the answer to your unfulfilled life.

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Through the book of Ecclesiastes God teaches us that frustration and adversity are unavoidable. In addition to what Ecclesiastes teaches us, it also reveals that there are some questions in life that go without answers, while the answers to other questions come at a price and with great difficulty.

The preacher in Ecclesiastes confronts wickedness, injustice, and the uncertainty of life under the sun. Throughout the book he writes provides the wisdom that teaches the greatest pleasures under the sun leave us unfulfilled. The fact that his wisdom reveals the vanity of life means that we need something else, or someone else for meaning and fulfillment.