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## CONCLUSION

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Colossians 1:15-20

**15** *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*



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## OVERCOMING THE OVERWHELMED LIFE

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### SINCERE WORSHIP

Decision #4: Worship with Sincerity

Text: Ecclesiastes 5

*1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.*

*7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.*

## INTRODUCTION

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## Solomon Looks Three Directions in This Book:

**Solomon looked around**—saw oppression and futility

**Solomon looked within**—found a sick, depressed soul

**Solomon looked up**—regretted forsaking God

**Nihilism**—the philosophy that life has no meaning, value, or significance

## I. SINCERE WORSHIP

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Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

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Ecclesiastes 5:7-8

*7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God. 8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for he that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they.*

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**Quote:** In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart.—John Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress*

## 2. SINCERE WORSHIP

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Ecclesiastes 5:9-16

*9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field. 10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver;*

*nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. 11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? 12 The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. 13 There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. 14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. 15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. 16 And this also is a sore evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath laboured for the wind?*

Mark 8:36

*36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*

Luke 16:13

*13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

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## 3. SINCERE WORSHIP

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Ecclesiastes 5:18-19

*18 Behold that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labour that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion. 19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.*