



Ecclesiastes: *The Vanity of Life Under the Sun*

Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

Introduction

- ❖ Genesis 3:17-19—*cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return*
 - ❖ Ecclesiastes 2:11—*I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun*
1. Living Wisely
 2. Working Hard

The Vanity of Living Wisely

❖ **Ecclesiastes 2:12-17**

The Vanity of Toil/Working Hard

❖ **Ecclesiastes 2:18-23**

The Moral of the Story

❖ **Ecclesiastes 2:24-26**

- ❖ Romans 1:18—*by their unrighteousness suppress the truth*
 - ❖ Hebrews 11:6—*without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him*
- ❖ **Ephesians 1:3**
 - ❖ **Ephesians 1:4-14**