UNDER THE SUN

Destitute in Destiny | Part 3 | Ecclesiastes 2:10–17

I. Enjoyment Is Not Always Profitable (Ecclesiastes 2:10–11)

• Solomon enjoyed the work of his hands, yet concluded it brought no lasting profit “under the sun.”

• Enjoyment itself may not be sinful; the question is whether it is spiritually profitable.

• What is lawful is not always expedient or edifying (1 Corinthians 6:12; 10:23).

Consider: Is what I enjoy building something that lasts?

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II. What Will My Next Step Build? (1 Corinthians 3:9–17)

• Jesus Christ is the only foundation (vv. 10–11).

• Our works are built upon that foundation and will be tested (vv. 12–15).

• We are God’s building and His temple (vv. 9, 16–17).

Consider: Am I building something for myself or something for God?

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III. Wisdom Is Better Than Folly (Ecclesiastes 2:12–13)

• Solomon compared wisdom, madness, and folly from the perspective of one who had experienced them.

• Being king did not make foolishness wise—or prevent a wise man from acting foolishly.

• Wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness.

Consider: Am I living according to the wisdom God has given?

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IV. The Despair of Life Under the Sun (Ecclesiastes 2:14–17)

• The wise and the fool both face death; both may eventually be forgotten.

• Solomon had everything, yet his self-centered perspective left him miserable and hating life.

• His conclusion reveals the emptiness of a heart set on self rather than God.

Consider: Am I measuring life only by what happens “under the sun”?

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Closing challenge: “What will your next step build?” Choose what is profitable, edifying, and grounded in Christ.