

Does Life Have a Purpose?

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: 2 “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

—Ecclesiastes 1:1-2 (NIV)

Solomon Explored...

1. STUDY

17 Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind. 18 For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.

—Ecclesiastes 1:17-18 (NIV)

2. PLEASURE

I thought in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.”

—Ecclesiastes 2:1 (NIV)

I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.

—Ecclesiastes 2:10a (NIV)

I thought in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.” But that also proved to be meaningless.

—Ecclesiastes 2:1 (NIV)

3. WORK

20 So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. 21 For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune.

—Ecclesiastes 2:20-21 (NIV)

4. FAME and POWER

13 Better a poor but wise youth than an old but foolish king who no longer knows how to take warning. 14 The youth may have come from prison to the kingship, or he may have been born in poverty within his kingdom. 15 I saw that all who lived and walked under the sun followed the youth, the king's successor. 16 There was no end to all the people who were before them. But those who came later were not pleased with the successor. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

—Ecclesiastes 4:13-16 (NIV)

5. MONEY

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless.

— Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

—Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NIV)

Life is MEANINGLESS without God, but God gives everything MEANING.

You were created by God and for God to HONOR GOD.