

Ecclesiastes – Lesson 1 Workbook

Everything is Meaningless?

1 Kings 3:5-15

1. If God asked you the same question He asks Solomon, how would you have answered?

2. For what purpose did Solomon ask for wisdom?

3. What condition does God place on His blessing to Solomon in verse 14?

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

1. How does Solomon identify himself at the beginning of the book?

2. According to Solomon, what is meaningless?

3. According to verses 10-11, is there anything new on earth? _____

4. If that was true 3,000 years ago, do you think it is still true today? _____

5. What do you think Solomon means when he says there is nothing new? Do you think he means inventions and stuff. What could he mean?

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

1. How does Solomon's mood sound here in this passage?

2. What did his wisdom bring him, according to verse 18?

3. This pursuit of knowledge Solomon calls, "Chasing after the wind." What do you think that means?

Ecclesiastes 12:13

1. According to Solomon, what is the conclusion to all that has been heard?

2. Based on what we read earlier from Ecclesiastes 1, what should everything else be considered?

3. There is a powerful question we must all confront with this in mind--are you living a life that is rich in meaning, or one that has no meaning?

Workbook Activity

What Does Your Life Mean? - Part 1 (My 10 Most Important Things)

List the 10 most important things in your life. Then prioritize them from 1 to 10 in order of importance.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

What Does Your Life Mean? - Part 2 (How I Spend My time)

List 10 things you spend your time doing each day. Then prioritize them from 1 to 10 in order of most time spent.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

1. How can loving God be a part of your friendships?

2. How can fearing God be a part of your life at school?

3. How does obeying God’s commandments affect the way you treat your family?

4. Being honest with yourself, is there anything on your list that you would need to eliminate if you were to take Ecclesiastes 12:13 to heart? If so, what?

5. If everything that is absent of the presence of God is meaningless, why do you think we spend so much time on those things?

Homework

- Memorize Ecclesiastes 1:2
- Read once or twice through the book of Ecclesiastes to become familiar with the wisdom of Solomon.
- How can fearing God and obeying His commandments become the purpose of your life?