

Life Under The Sun

Therefore, What Shall We Do?

Ecclesiastes 2:24 - 26

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Hated
Chores"





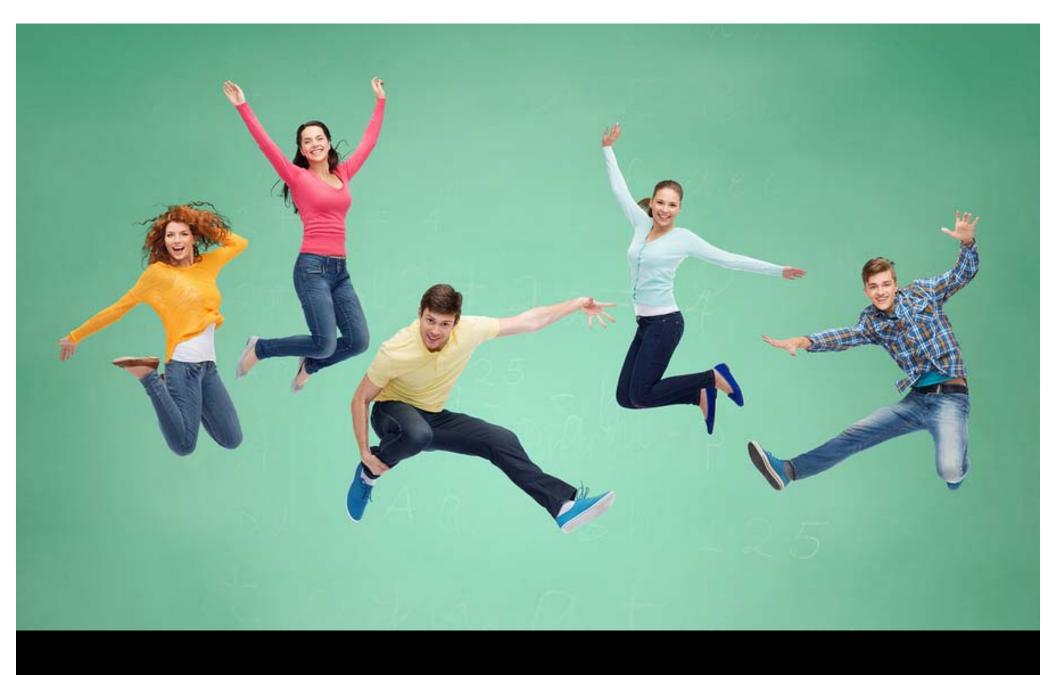
Birthday Presents



Thanksgiving Dinner



Candy & Cookies



Just Enjoy!

What Is The Meaning of Life?

2:1-11 - He checked out pleasure

2:12-17 - He checked out wisdom

2:18-23 - He checked out labor

2:24-26 - Solomon's Recommendations



There Is No Lasting Satisfaction!

Nothing Better Than To . . .

Ecclesiastes 2:24

... tell himself that his labor is good ...



ESV - "find enjoyment in his tasks"

HCSB - "enjoy his work"

NLT = "find satisfaction in work"



I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor — it is the gift of God.

Eccl. 3:12-13

I have seen that nothing is better than that man should be happy in his activities, for that is his lot. For who will bring him to see what will occur after him?

Eccl. 3:22

Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one's labor in which he toils under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward.

Eccl. 5:18

So I commended pleasure, for there is nothing good for a man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be merry, and this will stand by him in his toils throughout the days of his life which God has given him under the sun.

Eccl. 8:15

Go then, eat your bread in happiness and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works.

Eccl. 9:7



In your work

3 Principles To Remember

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Principle #1 – Pleasure comes from God

Gen. 2:16-17 - Eat fruit

Gen. 9:3 - Eat all living things

Acts 10:9 - Okay to eat anything

Rev. 22:1-2 - Water & fruit in heaven

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Principle #1 - Pleasure comes from God

Principle #2 – Do not indulge ourselves

Prov. 23:20-21 - Do not indulge

Prov. 28:7

Gluttony is humiliating

Phil. 3:19

Gluttony is an idol

Titus 1:12

Gluttony is not positive



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Principle #1 – Pleasure comes from God

Principle #2 – Do not indulge ourselves

Principle #3 – There is something better

Ezek. 16:49 - Gluttony/ease condemned

1 Cor. 15:32 - Gluttony if no hope

God Wants The "Good" To Enjoy

Ecclesiastes 2:26

Eph. 6:2-3 - Longer life

Matt. 6:33 - Needs will be met

Matt. 5:6 - Will be satisfied

Ex. 20:8-10 - Have rest but not for sluggards