

# Adult and Youth Bible Study (Sunday School)

## Finding Meaning” Wisdom from Ecclesiastes

### The Problem with Pleasure

The Point: Wisdom I grounded in trust in God.....

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~The Passage: Ecclesiastes 2:11-17, 7:23-29~

When have you seen common sense make more sense than book sense?

#### Ecclesiastes 2:12-17 (NKJV)

- <sup>12</sup> Then I turned myself to consider wisdom and madness and folly; For what *can* the man *do* who succeeds the king?-- *Only* what he has already done.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I saw that wisdom excels folly As light excels darkness.
- <sup>14</sup> The wise man's eyes *are* in his head, But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I myself perceived That the same event happens to them all.
- <sup>15</sup> So I said in my heart, "As it happens to the fool, It also happens to me, And why was I then more wise?"  
Then I said in my heart, "This also *is* vanity."
- <sup>16</sup> For *there is* no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, Since all that now *is* will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise *man* die? As the fool!
- <sup>17</sup> Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun *was* distressing to me, for all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

Why is human wisdom inadequate for life's biggest problems?

#### Ecclesiastes 7:23-25 (NKJV)

- <sup>23</sup> All this I have proved by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise"; But it *was* far from me.
- <sup>24</sup> As for that which is far off and exceedingly deep, Who can find it out?
- <sup>25</sup> I applied my heart to know, To search and seek out wisdom and the reason *of things*, To know the wickedness of folly, Even of foolishness *and* madness.

Since wisdom is beyond us, why do we keep pursuing it?

#### Ecclesiastes 7:26-29 (NKJV)

- <sup>26</sup> And I find more bitter than death The woman whose heart *is* snares and nets, Whose hands *are* fetters. He who pleases God shall escape from her, But the sinner shall be trapped by her.
- <sup>27</sup> "Here is what I have found," says the Preacher, "*Adding* one thing to the other to find out the reason,
- <sup>28</sup> Which my soul still seeks but I cannot find: One man among a thousand I have found, But a woman among all these I have not found.
- <sup>29</sup> Truly, this only I have found: That God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes."

What are some ways you have discovered godly wisdom?

How can our group help one another gain and maintain godly wisdom?