

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

ECCLESIASTES: *Wisdom for Life* - Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26 - Trivial Pursuits - 02.15.2026

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?

If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. How does this outline relate to the purpose: "To show the only way to be satisfied in life: living cognizant of & submitted to the Lord."?



- Ecclesiastes 1:16-18 (UNFULFILLED)
- Ecclesiastes 2:1-3 (UNFULFILLED)
- Ecclesiastes 2:4-6 (UNFULFILLED)
- Ecclesiastes 2:7-11 (UNFULFILLED)
- Ecclesiastes 2:12-17 (UNFULFILLED)
- Ecclesiastes 2:18-23 (UNFULFILLED)
- Ecclesiastes 2:24-26 (FINALLY FULFILLED IN GOD ALONE)

3. As we worked through this passage of Scripture, did you find your any of your own attitudes in seasons of life reflected in the text?

Consider each of the above items stated as "Trivial Pursuits" - have you sought satisfaction in any of them in your life at times?

Which specific avenues did you pursue, and how did you come to see that you remained ultimately unfulfilled?

Which of these have greater potential to lead you back into old ways of thinking & seeking fulfillment outside of Jesus?

What steps can you take to practically safeguard against this and combat the enemy's tactics to lead you astray?

4. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from this sermon. Read the correlating verses next to each "Trivial Pursuit" listed:



- Proverbs 9:10
 - Psalm 16:11
 - Philippians 3:7-8
 - Matthew 6:19-21
 - 1 John 2:15-17
 - Colossians 3:23-24
- EACH OF THESE PURSUITS
LEAVES US UNFULFILLED!
- FULFILLMENT IN ANY (AND EVERY)
HUMAN ENDEAVOR COMES
ONLY BY SEEKING IT IN GOD!!**

How do the above verses reveal the truth of both of the statements (on the right) regarding fulfillment in our lives?

Are there other Scripture passages that you find encouraging to combat temporal thinking in the above pursuits?

How does seeking our fulfillment in God actually enable us to find joy in pursuits that would be otherwise unfulfilling?

How does the Gospel of Jesus change everything for us, in perspective and in practice?