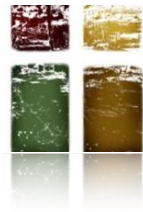


The Bible for you

Biblical, Authentic, Contextual, and Life-Changing.



Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

Things People Say: “The Meaning of Life”

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The Bible for Life Change

Making the connection between thinking and action

- ◆ Make a quick list of the ways in which the “Preacher” tried to satisfy his desire for pleasure, meaning and purpose in 2:1-8. How does it compare or contrast to the way you long for and seek after satisfaction?
- ◆ How is the pursuit of pleasure rooted in the love of self and boredom? How does social media encourage self-love? How does the gospel’s call to be others-focused alleviate this? Can you be aware of the needs around you and still be bored?
- ◆ What do you think the “Preacher” means when he says in verse 18, “For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow”? Are there worthy pursuits in your own life that border on “respectable” idolatry?

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The Bible for one

Taking a closer look at your own walk with Jesus

Psalm 56:8–9 (ESV) — 8 You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? 9 Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me.

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The Bible for two

To talk about with your spouse/partner

Matthew 6:25–33 (ESV) — 25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

3

The Bible with your family

To talk about with your children

Romans 2:10 (ESV) — 10 but glory and honour and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.