



*Pursue: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
Summer 2021
The Truth Is...
Musings from the Life of Solomon
Lecture Notes
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Principle #4: The Truth Is...trying to find meaning and value in one's life through self-effort, self-achievement, or self-indulgence will end in disillusionment and disappointment.

"But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere." Ecclesiastes 2:11

"I decided there is nothing better than to enjoy food and drink and to find satisfaction in work. Then I realized that these pleasures are from the hand of God." Ecclesiastes 2:24

Finding Value and Meaning in God's Gifts for Life

- I. **God's Gift of Pleasure** (tobe)-good, precious, beautiful, pleasant, excellent, happy, right. Pleasure is from the _____ Eccl. 2:24
Godly pleasure is the _____.
 - ❖ Contentment (autarkeia) - _____ sufficient, to be pleased.
_____ is trustful pleasure in God and humble participation in _____. (Zondervan)
 - ❖ Nothing makes God more supreme and more central in worship than when a people are utterly persuaded that nothing - not money or prestige or leisure or family or job or health or sports or toys or friends - nothing is going to bring satisfaction to their sinful, guilty, aching hearts besides God. ~ John Piper
- II. **God's Gift of Wisdom** (hakma)-skilled, intelligent, wise, learned, prudent
 - ❖ Wisdom begins with _____ of who God is.
Job 28:28, Psalm 111:10, Prov. 1:7
 - ❖ God alone gives the _____. Col. 2:3,
James 1:5, Prov. 2:6
 - ❖ The wisdom of the world is _____ and demonic.
1 Cor. 1:21 & 3:19, James 3:15

- ❖ *Not until we have become humble and teachable, standing in awe of God's holiness and sovereignty. Acknowledging our own littleness, distrusting our own thoughts, and willing to have our minds turned upside down, can divine wisdom become ours. ~J.I.Packer*

III. God's Gift of Work (mlakah) occupation, work, business, service, workmanship, ministry

- ❖ _____ are given to Adam in the Garden of Eden before the fall. Gen. 1:28 & 2:15
- ❖ Labor in the Lord is _____. 1 Cor. 15:58
- ❖ Work will be enjoyed in the _____. Is. 65:22
- ❖ The work you do today may be difficult and tiring, but we should still _____ for it because it is His gift to us-the ability to provide for our needs. ~Dr. David Jeremiah

Table Discussion:

A. 1 Timothy 6:6, "Now godliness with contentment is great gain." Discuss and list at your table, what is gained in your life when practicing contentment?

B. List and share three things you are most grateful for today: