



2021 Pursue Summer Study
 “The Truth Is...”

Principles of Truth From the Life of Solomon
 A Study in Ecclesiastes
 Week 4

The most powerful, wealthy, and wise man in the world has found that life cannot be controlled by money, authority, or wisdom. God has established in creation natural cycles of life that every person has to submit to. Generations and nations and tragedies and joys in life are continual exchanges in the human landscape. Just as there are physical laws that are established by God, so there are laws within the human experience that are established and maintained by God. Solomon found that trying to manipulate life was futile, so submitting to the wisdom of God and His

plan was the way life should be lived. This is living in the “fear of the Lord.” Applying God’s principles of truth to the circumstances of life is the best way to navigate life. This won’t guarantee the outcome, but it will give the best possibility for joy in life. Solomon concluded, “And I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness,” and “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.” Ecclesiastes 6:18

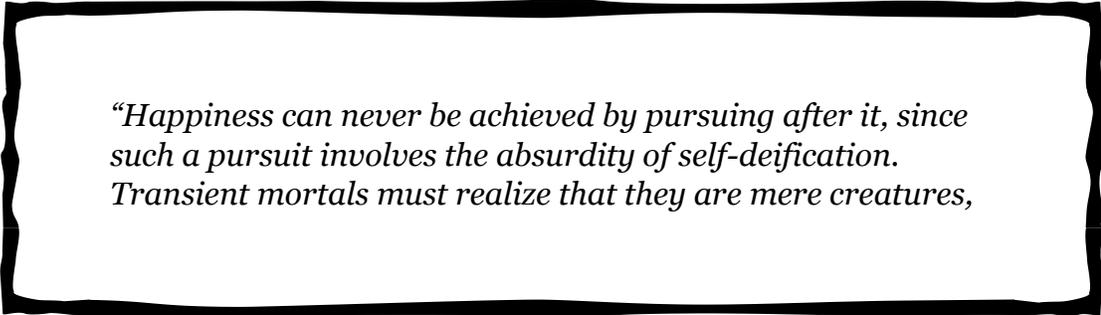
Principle #4: The Truth Is... trying to find meaning and value in one’s life through self-effort, self-achievement, or self-indulgence will end in disillusionment and disappointment.

READ ECCLESIASTES 2

QUESTIONS:

- Solomon tests himself with pleasure to gain understanding or meaning in life in chapter two. What had he sought to understand previously according to Ecclesiastes 1:17-18? (See definitions from week 1). What conclusion did he come to in that effort? Why do you think he chooses pleasure as his next attempt to understand life?*

6. *What question does all this prompt Solomon to ask in vs. 25? How would you answer that question?*
7. *Read Matthew 5:2-12 and 6:25-34. How do the teachings of Jesus correlate to Solomon's conclusions?*



“Happiness can never be achieved by pursuing after it, since such a pursuit involves the absurdity of self-deification. Transient mortals must realize that they are mere creatures,

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
