

The Vanity of Pleasure – Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

I. In Search of Pleasure (v. 1-3)

1. Solomon said that his pursuit of pleasure was also _____. (v. 1)
2. What does constant laughter and merriment accomplish? It is ___ D ___ SS (v. 2)
3. Solomon sought to gratify himself with _____ while using wisdom to learn why people constantly seek after _____. (v. 3)
4. Disclaimer: There's nothing wrong with having a good time, being entertained, as long as we keep it in check. "I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing _____ of itself." (Romans 14:14)
5. In Luke's version of the "Parable of the Sower", what happened to the seed that fell into the thorns? (Luke 8:14) They were choked with cares, riches, and _____ of life.
6. If we seek to be entertained in worship, we become the _____ of the cross of _____. (Philippians 3:18-19)

II. Great Works Bring No Pleasure (v. 4-11)

7. From verses 4-11, list 4 great things Solomon built or obtained for himself:
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
8. Even while in pursuit of all material things, Solomon maintained his _____. (v. 9)
9. "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not ___ C ___ toward God." (Luke 12:21)

III. What Can Truly Make Me Happy?

10. Did Solomon deny himself anything or any pleasure he desired? (v. 10) _____
11. Solomon considered all that he had obtained as ___ N ___ Y and ___ S ___ G for the wind. (v. 11)
12. For the Christian, the following will make us truly happy:
 - a. Going through various _____. (James 1:2)
 - b. S ___ R ___ G for the name of Jesus. (Acts 5:41)
 - c. Spending time with _____. (Acts 2:46-47)
 - d. Receiving the end of our faith, the _____ of our souls. (1 Peter 1:8-9)