



# Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 01/28/2018  
DISCUSSION DATE: 02/04/2018  
TEXT: ECCLESIASTES 1:12 - 2:26

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## IN SEARCH OF ULTIMATE GAIN - EVALUATING THE PASSIONS WHICH RULE THE HEARTS OF MEN (PART TWO).

*A. Confronting Our Exceptional Thinking, v. 12.*

*B. Worth Pursuing But Still Not Satisfying, v.v. 13-17.*

1. Wisdom provides great advantage over folly.
2. The reason(s) Wisdom cannot provide lasting satisfaction.

*C. Exposing Our Faulty Value System, v.v. 18-23.*

*D. A Worldview Recommendation – How Fallen Humanity Can Find  
Satisfaction In A World Cursed By Sin, v.v. 24-26.*

# ASKING GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD TO OUR DAILY LIVES



1. **Read Ecclesiastes 2:12.** What issue(s) in our thinking is Solomon trying to expose by means of his question?
2. What examples of this kind of thinking do we see all around us and what are the results?
3. **Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 17 and Hebrews 9:27.** Why is this thinking so often kept out of our worldview?
4. Why do we push this truth out of our daily thinking?
5. How does our failure to integrating this reality into our worldview impact our lives?
6. **Read Ecclesiastes 2:13-17.** What fruits are enjoyed from wise living? Is there anything commended about foolish living?
7. Why do so many people choose to live in darkness?
8. What is the limitation of wisdom? Why does it fail to provide lasting satisfaction?
9. What will be forgotten and by whom? How should that impact our daily living (i.e. what we spend the most time doing)?
10. **Read Ecclesiastes 2:18-23.** Why are the fruits of wise living (i.e. the fruit of hard labor) so tempting to live for yet so utterly unsatisfying?
11. How is Solomon exposing our lack of control and why is it important to do so?
12. What makes work burdensome? Why do we have so many sleepless nights?
13. **Read Ecclesiastes 2:24-26.** Explain how Solomon hates life and then recommends that we find enjoyment in our toil?
14. How can we learn to enjoy our toil and not just the fruit we believe will come from it?
15. Where do we find wisdom, knowledge and joy?
16. What is the condition for us receiving these gifts?