Earthly Pursuits

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Series: Living Life Backward

Text: Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

I. SOLOMON ASSESSED LIFE

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

A. WANTONNESS

Read <u>Ecc. 2:1-3</u>

References: Mark 7:21-22, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 17:22

B. WORK

Read <u>Ecc. 2:4-7</u>

You won't find fulfillment in you - and what you do;

You will find fulfillment in God - and who He is.

C. WEALTH

Read <u>Ecc. 2:7-11</u>

Reference: Luke 12:15

II. SOLOMON ABHORRED LIFE

Read <u>Ecc. 2:12-23</u>

A. WORK WILL NEVER SATISFY

Read Ecc. 2:13-16

US News and World Report quote:

"Today – Work dominates Americans' lives as never before as workers pile on hours at a rate not seen since the industrial revolution. Many workers are left feeling insecure – unfulfilled – and under appreciated... It's no wonder today's workers show a steady decline in job satisfaction... People are feeling crushed."

B. WORK WILL NEVER STAY

Read <u>Ecc. 2:17-23</u>

Four reasons why Solomon was disgusted with wealth

- 1. We can't keep it (<u>Ecc 2:18</u>)
- 2. We can't protect it (Ecc 2:19-20)
- 3. We can't enjoy it as we should (Ecc 2:21-23)
- 4. Now it is someone else's

Reference: Colossians 3:2

III. SOLOMON ACCEPTED LIFE

A. He found delight is a gift from God (Ecc. 2:24-25)

References: Psalm 16:11

B. He found discernment is a gift from God (Ecc 2:26)