Title Slide: When Everything Isn’t Enough
Ecclesiastes 2:4–11

Slide 1: Introduction

* What happens when you have it all—but your soul is still empty?
* Solomon’s resume: buildings, gardens, wealth, power, pleasure.
* If anyone could be fulfilled by the world, it was Solomon.

Slide 2: A Heartbreaking Confession

* Solomon’s conclusion: it was all vanity.
* Everything under the sun = fleeting, hollow, wind-chasing.

Slide 3: The Pursuits That Failed to Satisfy

* 12 pursuits: impressive yet empty.
* Let’s explore each and see why they still fail today.

Slide 4: 1. Building Projects (v.4)

* Then: Palaces, Temple, cities.
* Now: Careers, homes, status.
* NT: Matt. 6:19–20; 1 Cor. 3:16.
* Application: A beautiful house can’t heal a broken heart.

Slide 5: 2. Public Works & Parks (v.5)

* Then: Landscapes, vineyards.
* Now: Seeking beauty and success.
* NT: John 15:1–5.
* Application: Don’t neglect the garden of your soul.

Slide 6: 3. Water Systems (v.6)

* Then: Ancient irrigation genius.
* Now: Innovation and tech.
* NT: John 4:13–14.
* Application: Only Jesus quenches true thirst.

Slide 7: 4. Work Force & Servants (v.7a)

* Then: Power over many.
* Now: Influence and management.
* NT: Matt. 23:11.
* Application: Servanthood > status.

Slide 8: 5. Agricultural Expansion (v.7b)

* Then: Farms and flocks.
* Now: Investments and control.
* NT: Matt. 6:11.
* Application: Trust in God—not your barns.

Slide 9: 6. Wealth & Riches (v.8a)

* Then: Gold, silver, treasures.
* Now: Financial freedom dreams.
* NT: Matt. 6:24; Eph. 3:8.
* Application: Only Jesus offers eternal treasure.

Slide 10: 7. Music & Arts (v.8b)

* Then: Cultural pleasures.
* Now: Entertainment obsession.
* NT: Eph. 5:19.
* Application: Worship fills what amusement can’t.

Slide 11: 8. Sexual Indulgence (v.8c)

* Then: 1,000 women.
* Now: Casual intimacy culture.
* NT: 1 Cor. 6:18–20; Matt. 5:28.
* Application: God’s design = true love and purity.

Slide 12: 9. Fame & Prestige (v.9)

* Then: Admired and envied.
* Now: Likes, follows, status.
* NT: Phil. 2:7.
* Application: God’s approval > world’s applause.

Slide 13: 10. Material Possessions (v.10a)

* Then: Took all he wanted.
* Now: Consumer culture.
* NT: Luke 12:15.
* Application: Joy = contentment, not consumption.

Slide 14: 11. Unrestrained Pleasure (v.10b)

* Then: No denial.
* Now: “Feel good” living.
* NT: Gal. 5:23; Luke 9:23.
* Application: God’s boundaries = blessings.

Slide 15: 12. Pride in Accomplishment (v.10c)

* Then: Self-glory.
* Now: “Look at me” culture.
* NT: Gal. 6:14.
* Application: Grace > glory.

Slide 16: Solomon’s Conclusion (v.11)

* All was meaningless.
* Chasing the wind.
* No eternal value.

Slide 17: New Testament Insights

* Matt. 16:26
* 2 Cor. 4:18
* John 4:13–14
* Matt. 6:19–20
* 1 John 2:17

Slide 18: Life Applications

* Career without Christ = empty.
* Beauty without soul care = withering.
* Wealth without worship = bankrupt.
* Activity without God = burnout.

Slide 19: The Time Trap

* Solomon’s downfall: too busy for God.
* Matt. 6:32–33: Seek first the Kingdom.
* Fulfillment flows from prioritizing God.

Slide 20: Practical Life Takeaways (Table)

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| Solomon’s Discovery | NT Truth | Application |
| Success ≠ Satisfaction | Col. 3:3 | Align with God’s will |
| Pleasures are Temporary | John 6:35 | Seek joy in Jesus |
| Fame Fades | Gal. 1:10 | Please God over people |
| Possessions Perish | Matt. 6:20 | Invest in souls and eternity |
| Busyness = Barrenness | John 15:5 | Prioritize daily time with God |

Slide 21: Conclusion — One Thing Is Needed

* We can have everything and still feel nothing.
* Psalm 37:4 — Seek God and He’ll satisfy you.
* The answer isn’t more… it’s more of God.

Slide 22: Final Reflection

* What are you building your life upon?
* Is it wind-chasing or soul-filling?
* Only Jesus satisfies the eternal hunger in our hearts.