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WHAT IS THE POINT OF LIFE?

ECCLESIASTES 1:16 (NASB) *I said to myself, "Behold, I have magnified and increased wisdom more than all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has observed a wealth of wisdom and knowledge."*

INSIGHT: Ecclesiastes reflects the reality that the wisdom God gave Solomon was predominantly human wisdom.

I. THE BANKRUPTCY OF HUMAN WISDOM

TRUTH: Solomon had more wisdom than any man, to be savvy in life, but not to succeed in living life as God intended.

What Solomon sought to conquer mentally:

1. He studied stupidity (1:17).

TRUTH: Solomon learned there is bankruptcy to human wisdom alone.

2. He studied pleasure (2:1).

INSIGHT: Solomon was sexually active with 1,000 women.

3. He studied laughter (2:2).

4. He tried drugs (2:3).

5. He enlarged his empire.

INSIGHT: He sought life purpose in success and acquisition.

TRUTH: The mark of human wisdom is a mad pursuit to fulfill self.

6. He sought more servants for his every need (2:7).

7. He accrued more possessions (2:7b).

8. He became an empty man in a life full of all that earth could offer (2:11, 17).

II. FIVE RESULTS FROM MISSING THE POINT OF LIFE

1. Life seems useless (1:2-4).
2. Life seems tiresome (1:4-8).
3. Life seems unfulfilling (1:8-10).
4. Life is insignificant (1:11).
5. Life seems uncontrollable (1:15).

TRUTH: The increasing response to a meaningless life is suicide!

III. THE WISDOM OF GOD ALONE BRINGS MEANING TO LIFE.

INSIGHT: It is in Job, Psalms and Proverbs that we learn true wisdom (Psalm 104:24; Proverbs 3:19; Job 28).

TRUTH: Man can't find wisdom; he must receive it from God.

INVITATION TRUTH: Wisdom comes only from God, and only those who pursue God find wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30).