



God's
Word
Fellowship

What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 1:3 KJV

Title: Purpose of life.

What is the purpose of our life on this earth? Why do we raise up early and follow our daily norms and go to work? What is the driving force behind it? What is the profit of all my labour which I take under the sun? Maybe you can ask yourself these questions. Consider and think about it.

Solomon was the richest man who ever lived in the history of this earth. He enjoyed and lived a luxurious life like no body else. I mean the royal life, the majestic kingdom and the fortunes which he made. There is no match for Solomon among the wealthy people of this day. His riches exceeded far above every person on this planet. When this man gave his heart to seek God and His wisdom, concerning all the things which people labour under the sun; ***He came to a certain conclusion that every labour under the sun is vanity.*** He called his wealth vanity. He called his achievements vanity and all the labour under the sun as vanity. Why is he calling it vanity? Before I answer I want you to go through the passage below.

To be clear, I'm speaking about people who are going after success ***apart from God's destiny and purpose for their life.*** Today, millions of people around the world are going after money. Every one has set for themselves certain goals and aims which they want to achieve. Some people achieve their goals and others don't. Let me just draw your attention to the people who already achieved and reached their goals. Do you think that their achievements and success add meaning to their life? ***It's good to possess wealth and money,*** there nothing wrong with having loads of money. However, you need to examine whether you are walking in God's perfect will for your life? According to Solomon, success, achievements and creative strength do not bring meaning to life, even if they are fulfilled to maximum capacity. Money will make people comfortable while they are miserable. You can have all your bills paid, but down on the inside, in the depth of your heart, there is a cry saying, "There is

something missing and I feel unfulfilled”. What is it? God’s purpose for your life. Despair does not just lie in being weary of suffering, but also in being weary of pleasure.

Why is Solomon calling all his labour vanity? Because ***Solomon tried to enjoy the work of his hands apart from God.*** He felt that life with only material stuff apart from God is incomplete and unsatisfying. There is nothing in the world that he missed out. He tasted and experienced the Royal life in all ways and all manners and all angles. One statement in Ecclesiastes, it astounds me even now, where he said in Ecc. 2:10, “And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy...”. My God! That’s awesome. Can anyone today make the same statement like Solomon? I don’t think so. Because in one or the other way people are missing few or more things. Think about it, the richest man to live on this earth has made this statement. A man who reached great heights in terms of fame, name, wealth, luxury, wisdom called all the labour under the sun as vanity.

I’m not saying that all of our success and achievements are vanity, I’m saying without God and outside of God’s plan, your labour under the sun is vanity. Solomon concluded the matter saying, “The primary purpose of man’s life under the sun is to Fear GOD and keep His commandments”. If you can get this, then your life has meaning under the sun. Find out from The Holy Spirit and be what God created you to be, then eventually when your life ends here, you will not have any regrets. You will step into eternity with confidence.

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