

## NOTES & QUOTES

# MEANING(FULL)

*THE WISDOM OF ECCLESIASTES*

**WEEK 2**  
Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

May 29, 2022



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## CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. What are some things about your job, be it in a workplace or at home, that bring you the most joy?
2. How would you describe “workaholicism?”
3. If you could have any job in the world, what would you choose?

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## THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-26. With what did the author determine to experiment in 2:1-3?
5. How would you define the word “mirth”?
6. List the works with which the teacher experimented in 2:4-6.
7. When the Sage of Ecclesiastes talks about his accomplishments, who was he doing all this for? What do you make of his focus?

8. Jesus would later say, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions” (Luke 12:15). He would also say, “For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?” (Mark 8:36). Jesus is both defining life and saying there is something more important. What do you think he is trying to get us to see or learn?

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## COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. The conclusion in verse 11 is stark. Why do you think the Bible includes a book like Ecclesiastes with words like those found in verse 11? What is it trying to get us to see or learn?
10. What might it look like for a community of Jesus followers to live in such a way that we demonstrate to the world that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions or experiences?
11. How might this text serve as “good news” for those outside the faith?

### **PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY**

“And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.” LUKE 12:29-31