

Is It Worth All the Effort?
Ecclesiastes 1:3-11

Main Point:

Even though your life is full of seemingly worthless effort, remember the difference that Jesus makes.

1. Your life in this world is full of seemingly worthless effort.
2. There is constant repetition.
3. Nothing ever seems to be accomplished.
4. There is never anything new.
5. And one day you will be replaced and forgotten.
6. But your relationship with Jesus changes everything.

Douglas Sean O'Donnell "Like an overcritical building inspector, in Ecclesiastes 1:4-11 Pastor Solomon shows us what is wrong with our work."

Philip Ryken "Think of Ecclesiastes as the only book of the Bible written on a Monday morning."

Philip Ryken "Life is the same way. Everything seems to be in a rut. Where is the progress? What is the profit?"

Philip Ryken "The more things change, the more they stay the same. And if it ever seems like there really is something new under the sun, it is only because we have forgotten what happened before."

Daniel Fredericks "History notes and respects the efforts of an infinitesimally small fraction of the earth's inhabitants, and the intensities of even these legacies are evanescent, fading with every passing year."

Douglas Sean O'Donnell "Today's celebrities are tomorrow's obituaries, and their names are as disposable as the morning paper in which their life stories will be printed. And if that is what becomes of our celebrities, what will become of us?"

Benjamin Shaw "Solomon is not interested in sugar-coating life. Instead, he wants his readers to have clear understanding of the way things are so that they will have a real appreciation for his explanation of ... how they might be fixed."

Douglas Sean O'Donnell "Through our Lord's life, death, and resurrection, for the first and only time the fundamental problem of humanity's sin has been fixed."

1 Corinthians 15:58 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. (NKJV)