

## ***Enjoying Good In Your Labor***

### **Ecclesiastes 2:18-26**

#### Main Point:

Despite its many vexations, enjoy all of the good in your labor as a gracious gift from God in Jesus Christ.

1. Work in a fallen world comes with many vexations.
2. Your work and its accomplishments will all be left for someone else.
3. Your work gives you grief and keeps you up at night.
4. But, at the same time, there are also good aspects of work for you to enjoy.
5. If you have faith in Jesus, you will be able to enjoy these good gifts most fully.
6. Therefore, out of gratitude to God, find enjoyment in the work He has given you to do.

**Ecclesiastes 2:16** <sup>16</sup> For *there is* no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, Since all that now *is* will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise *man* die? As the fool! (NKJV)

**Philip Ryken** “Every time we get sick and tired of doing the same thing over and over, every time we are inconvenienced by someone else’s laziness or incompetence, every time our families suffer from the demands of our employer, every time we are pressured to practice business unethically, we are struggling with the vanity of work.”

**Philip Ryken** “Every occupation has its own unique demands, but no matter what kind of work we do, it always takes its toll on us.”

**Benjamin Shaw** “The vanity of life is the judgment of God on a rebellious race. But ... the hand of God is at work for blessing as well as for judgment.”

**Philip Ryken** “We were made in the image of a working God, and thus we have the capacity to find his pleasure in work itself, even apart from anything that we gain by working.”

**Revelation 14:13** <sup>13</sup> Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” (NKJV)

**John 4:34** <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. (NKJV)