

**What gives your life
meaning?**

Ecclesiastes

WHAT WILL *NOT* GIVE YOUR LIFE MEANING

1. *Leaving a legacy* (1:1–11)
2. *Pursuing pleasure* (2:1–11)
3. *Living carefully* (2:12–17)
4. *Working hard* (2:18–23)
5. *Crusading for justice* (3:15–17; 6:8–12)
6. *Attaining power* (4:13–16; 5:8–9)
7. *Accumulating money* (5:10–17; 6:1–7)

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the more I'm consciously thankful
to God for all he gives
and the more I actively trust God
who is sovereign over every event,
the more whole I'll be as a human
because fearing God is the purpose
for which I'm made.

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- Proverbs is about fearing God (Prov. 1:7).
- Job is about fearing God (Job 28:28).
- Ecclesiastes is about fearing God (12:13).

Proverbs teaches God's way to blessing, Job teaches that serving God doesn't necessarily lead to blessing, and Ecclesiastes teaches that God's blessings are not to be sought as gods.

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– Paul in Romans 8:20-21, “*Creation is subject to vanity.*”

– James in James 4:13-16, “*What is your life— isn’t it just a vapor?!*”

– Jesus in Matthew 16:26, “*What’s the profit if you gain the world and lose your soul?*”

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Relate with God . . .

1. *in your waking thought (12:1).*
2. *in daily prayer (12:13).*
3. *as you get ready for the day (9:8).*
4. *as you eat and drink (2:24; 3:13; 5:18; etc.).*
5. *as you listen to him speak in the word (5:1-7).*
6. *as you plan your to-do list (3:1-8).*

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7. *as you work* (2:24-26; 3:22; 9:10).
8. *as you deal with adversity* (7:13-14).
9. *as you relax* (9:0).
10. *in your final thought of the day* (11:7-8).

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