

QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO ASK GOD-- 1

"WHAT'S THE POINT OF LIFE ANYWAY?"

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Ecclesiastes 1: 2 "Vanity of vanities! All is vanity."

WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE POINT OF LIFE...

- **Life seems USELESS**
"Life seems useless, totally useless. What does a man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth just stays the same." (1:2-4)
- **Life seems TIRESOME** (1:5-8)
"The sun rises and goes down...the wind blows round and round and back again. Every river flows into the sea, then the water returns to where the river began and starts all over again. Everything leads to weariness..."
- **Life seems UNFULFILLING**
"No matter how much we see, we're never satisfied; no matter how much we hear, we're not content. History merely repeats itself. Nothing is truly new." (1:8-10)
- **Life seems INSIGNIFICANT**
"No one remembers what has happened in the past, and no one in days to come will remember what happens between now and then." (1:11)
- **Life seems UNCONTROLLABLE**
"You can't straighten out what is crooked; you can't count things that aren't there!" (1:15)

WHAT IS THE POINT OF LIFE?

"There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This is from the hand of God, for apart from Him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?" 2: 24-25

"Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his own through what Christ would do for us...with his love. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to!" Eph.1: 4-5

LIFE IS PREPARATION FOR ETERNITY!

"He has put eternity into humanity's heart." (3:11)

HOW DO I PREPARE?

- Get to KNOW God. **CONNECT-** John 1: 12
- Become like Christ. **GROW-** Rom.8:28-29
- Practice REACHING OUT ! **SERVING-** Eph.2:10

➤ Share "good news" with YOUR NETWORK 2 Cor.5:19

Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 1-11, 14-15

- ¹ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- ² Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
- ³ What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?
- ⁴ A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
- ⁵ The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hasten to the place where it rises.
- ⁶ The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.
- ⁷ All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.
- ⁸ All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
- ⁹ What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.
- ¹⁰ Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us.
- ¹¹ There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.
- ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.
- ¹⁵ What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted.