

## Open It

How have you benefited from the work of those who came before you?

## Consider It

What is the difference between the wise and the fool?

- Psalm 51:1
- Proverbs 9:10
- Proverbs 12:15
- Proverbs 19:20

What are the disappointing aspects of leaving the fruit of your labors for those who come after you (2:18-23)?

How can we use our earthly resources of eternal purposes?

- Matthew 6:19-20
- Luke 16:9

Where does Solomon say we should find satisfaction (2:24-25)?  
Why?

What does God give us (2:26)?

Why do we find it so hard to find satisfaction the things God gives us?

How can you view your work differently because of this lesson?  
What new perspective on life and work have you gained?

## Live It

Seek the Lord!

Pray to the Lord expressing your gratitude for the gifts He has given us to enjoy in life.

Serve Others!

Live to please Him by watching for an opportunity to serve your neighbor this week.

Sow Seeds!

Consider how you can use your earthly resources for eternal purposes.

## The Quest for a Meaningful Life

What Makes Your Life's Work Worth the Effort?

Ecclesiastes 2:12 – 26

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## Sermon Question

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## Preparing for Death ..... 2:12-17

*The eyes of a wise man see things clearly. A person who is foolish lives in darkness. But I finally realized that **death** catches up with both of them.*

Ecclesiastes 2:14 (NIV)

**Investing for Eternity ..... 2:18-23**

*A man might use wisdom, knowledge and skill to do his work.  
But then he has to **leave everything** he owns to someone who  
hasn't worked for it.*

Ecclesiastes 2:21 (NIV)

**Accepting God's Gifts ..... 2:24-26**

*I'm finally seeing that those things also come **from the hand  
of God**. Without his help, who can eat or find pleasure?*

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25 (NIV)