

Does Life Have A Purpose?
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; Matthew 6:25-34

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Life's Three Great Questions:

1. Question Of Existence: Why Am I ALIVE?

Jeremiah 20:18, *Why did I ever come out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow and to end my days in shame?*

2. Question Of Significance: Does My Life MATTER?

Psalms 139:16, *Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.*

3. Question Of Intention: What Is My PURPOSE?

King Solomon's Futile Search For Purpose In Life:

(Ecclesiastes 2:1-11)

- **What Was The Outcome Of Solomon's Search For Meaning?** *He Came Up Empty!*

QUOTE: "What is life for? To die? To kill myself? No, I'm afraid of death. To wait for death till it comes? I fear that even more. Then I must live. But what for, in order to die?" —Leo Tolstoy

- **Why Did Solomon Come Up Empty?** *Because everything he did was about "I," "My," "Me," or "Myself."*
- **Solomon's Conclusion:** *Life is MEANINGLESS without God, but God gives everything MEANING.*

Jesus' Prescription For True Meaning And Purpose:

(Matthew 6:25-34)

QUOTE: C. S. Lewis put it this way: "All that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy... The reason why it can never succeed is this. God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other."

Take Away:

1. Real purpose in life only comes from seeking and knowing God!
2. Everything in life is meaningless without God, but God gives everything meaning.
3. Invite someone to join you for Explore God next week as we ask and answer the question, "Is There A God?"