



Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

## THE PREACHER'S EXPERIMENTS WITH LIFE

### 1. The Experiment Of \_\_\_\_\_ – 2:1-11

- The Pleasure of Excessive \_\_\_\_\_ – 2:2
- The Pleasure of Excessive \_\_\_\_\_ – 2:3

Wine produces mockers; alcohol leads to brawls. Those led astray by drink cannot be wise. - Proverbs 20:1 (*New Living Translation*)

- The Pleasure of Excessive \_\_\_\_\_ – 2:4-8
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#### The Discovery:

Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun. - Ecclesiastes 2: 11

It All Leads To \_\_\_\_\_!

### 2. The Experiment Of \_\_\_\_\_

So I turned to consider wisdom, madness and folly; for what *will* the man *do* who will come after the king *except* what has already been done? - Eccl. 2:12

#### The Discovery:

Then I said to myself, "As is the fate of the fool, it will also befall me. Why then have I been extremely wise?" So I said to myself, "This too is vanity." <sup>16</sup> For there is no lasting remembrance of the wise man as with the fool, inasmuch as *in* the coming days all will be forgotten. And how the wise man and the fool alike die! <sup>17</sup> So I hated life, for the work which had been done under the sun was grievous to me; because everything is futility and striving after wind. - Ecclesiastes 2:15-17

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### 3. The Experiment Of The \_\_\_\_\_ Of \_\_\_\_\_

**The Discovery:**

For what does a man get in all his labor and in his striving with which he labors under the sun? <sup>23</sup> Because all his days his task is painful and grievous; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is vanity. - Ecclesiastes 2:22-23

**It All Leads To \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Lesson:**

There is nothing better for a man *than* to eat and drink and tell himself that his labor is good. This also I have seen that it is from the hand of God. <sup>25</sup> For who can eat and who can have enjoyment without Him? <sup>26</sup> For to a person who is good in His sight He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, while to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may give to one who is good in God's sight. This too is vanity and striving after wind. - Ecclesiastes 2:24-26

***The ultimate joy in life is not found in the \_\_\_\_\_ it's found in the \_\_\_\_\_.***