

The Good Life

Introduction:

- A. What if we had the wealthiest man in the U.S. speaking to us on “How to Live the Good Life”?
 - B. We can have the benefit of the inspired advice of the wisest, wealthiest man in the world on this subject.
 - 1. author: Solomon - Ecclesiastes 1:1; 1 Kings 10:23
 - 2. audience: young people - Ecclesiastes 12:1
 - 3. problem: How to Live the Good Life - Ecclesiastes 2:1-3
 - C. What road of life should one travel to have “The Good Life”?
 - I. Why should a young person heed Solomon's advice?
 - A. wisdom: scientific observer - Ecclesiastes 2:1-3
 - B. wealth: ability to make observations - cf. 1 Kings 10:6-7,14,23
 - C. observations still true - Ecclesiastes 1:9-10
 - D. inability to figure life out without divine guidance - Ecclesiastes 8:17
 - II. What is the answer to the question?
 - A. NOT:
 - 1. human wisdom - Ecclesiastes 1:17-18
 - 2. pleasure - Ecclesiastes 2:1-2
 - 3. wine (mind altering drugs) - Ecclesiastes 2:3; Proverbs 20:1
 - 4. wealth - Ecclesiastes 2:9-11,18-19
 - 5. fame - Ecclesiastes 4:13-16
 - B. Remember thy Creator. - Ecclesiastes 12:1-7
- ### Conclusion:
- A. What is the sum of all roads without God? - Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12:8
 - B. What is the conclusion? - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14