

Why Doesn't Pleasure Always Please Me?

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11



What do you make of the term “bittersweet”? How could a scoop of your favorite ice cream be bittersweet? Or an intimate moment with your spouse? Or watching your favorite team win the championship? Or a thousand other pleasurable life experiences?



1. Mark the number of times you hear these words:

Pleasure(s) –

Solomon –

Reality –

2. What did Solomon do in order to discover what would satisfy his heart?
3. What haunted Solomon's research?
4. What might it mean if you see Ecclesiastes as a negative and pessimistic book?
5. Reason #1: Because God didn't mean for _____ to become _____ (2:1-3)
6. What is hedonism?
7. What amusements did Solomon experiment with?
8. What overreaction to pleasure is equally ungodly?
9. Reason #2: Because didn't mean for us to _____ our _____ and _____ (2:4-9)
10. What's the danger of experiencing our dreams?
11. How was Moses different from Solomon?
12. Reason #3: Because _____ is found within _____ (2:10-11)
13. What is meant to provide the boundaries for our lives?
14. What does God invite us to fully enjoy?
15. Why is the messenger of pain important?
16. What do our excesses reveal?



Faith Talk, Faith Walk

Spend time with family or friends (maybe over a meal or during a family devotional) discussing the following related to the sermon

Faith Talk: In what ways do boundaries actually protect the pleasures given to us by God?

Faith Walk: Examine your life for what you expect too much from. Repent and modify your expectations.

If you are here and have been touched or convicted by something said or done today we would love to study the Bible with you and introduce you more fully to our Savior, Jesus Christ. Just call the church office at 795-4377 and we will set something up. God bless you!

Next Sunday AM Sermon – What are the Advantages of Being Wise? (Ecclesiastes 2:12-16, 9:13-18)