



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE MIST
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
ECCLESIASTES 1:12-2:26

Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - January 15 & 16, 2022

1. Admit _____
(1:12-18)

Part 1 – 1:12-18
The Limits of Wisdom
Part 2 – 2:1-11
The Limits of Earthly Pleasures
Part 3 – 2:12-23
The Limits Imposed by Death
Part 4 – 2:24-26
The Goodness of Godly Enjoyment

2. Skip _____
(2:1-11)

3. Accept _____
(2:12-23)

4. Enjoy _____
(2:24-26)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Reread the proverbs in Ecclesiastes 1:15 & 18.** What, if any, ways might you fall into the trap of thinking that knowing the right answer or information can solve all the problems in your life or in the world? How does Ecclesiastes 2:13-14 show that wisdom and knowledge are still good and valuable?
- 2.** What are some of the temporary pleasures of this life that you might be tempted to put too much stock in? What are the dangers of placing too much value in those things?
- 3. Read Psalm 39:4-5.** What are some of the benefits of understanding your limitations and the brevity of your life? How should those realities impact your thinking this week?
- 4. Read Matthew 6:33-34.** Why is God being at the center of our lives and perspectives so important to contentment and true enjoyment? How will you ensure that God is at the center of your thinking this week?
- 5. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8.** What are some of the simple or basic gifts from God that you may tend to overlook or forget to be thankful for? What benefit will acknowledging and enjoying these things have in your life?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Gibson, David. *Living Life Backward*. Crossway, 2017.

Wiersbe, Warren. *Be Satisfied*. Victor Books, 1990.

Wilson, Douglas. *Joy at the End of the Tether*. Canon Press, 1999.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for that we would view life as a gift from God and not a means of gain. Pray that our contentment and joy would be a powerful witness in this Valley.

Pray that God would provide a new full-time leader in the Plants & Pillars ministry.

Pray for God's provision and blessing on the Hurley family and their ministry in Uganda.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
1/17	Job 35-37	John 3
1/18	Job 38-39	John 4:1-42
1/19	Job 40-42	Matthew 4:12-17, Mark 1:14-15, Luke 3:19-20; 4:14-31, John 4:43-54
1/20	Genesis 11-14	Matthew 4:18-24; 8:2-4, 14-17, Mark 1:16-45, Luke 4:31-5:16
1/21	Genesis 15-18	Matthew 9:1-17, Mark 2:1-22, Luke 5:17-39
1/22	Genesis 19-21	John 5:1-18