



# Chasing the Wind

*“This too is meaningless,  
a chasing after the wind.”*



What's My  
Purpose?



# Work

**Activity involving mental or physical effort done in order to achieve a purpose or result.**

**A task or tasks to be undertaken; something a person or thing must do.**

**Be engaged in physical or mental activity in order to achieve a result; do work.**



# Work

**So, I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.**

**Ecclesiastes 2:17**

**A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?**

**Ecclesiastes 2:24-25**



# *Created to Work*

**The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.**

**Genesis 2:15**

**“By the sweat of your brow, you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”**

**Genesis 3:19**



# *Sin Changed Work*

**In the garden Adam and Eve were to care for the garden**

**Work was no longer about care, it was about survival**

**It was going to be frustrating work**

**It was going to be never ending**

**While mankind was given responsibility for what God gave them, work was not to be their focus**



# *Created to Work*

**Again, I saw something meaningless under the sun: There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. “For whom am I toiling,” he asked, “and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?” This too is meaningless— a miserable business!**

**Ecclesiastes 4:7-9**





# *Lonely Work*

**Work minus relationship equals miserable business**

**Workaholic: A person who works a lot of the time and finds it difficult not to work**

**Eventually you ask the hard question, what's the point?**

**Whose things will then be?**



# Contentment

**There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth.**

**No matter how many things I cross of my to-do list it never seems to empty**

**v. 8**

**No matter how early I rise or late I stay up I never have enough time to get it done**

**No matter how efficient I am at completing a task, the next one will be waiting**



Never  
Enough!



# *Meaningless Work*

**All Work and no fun makes work meaningless**

**If you never can enjoy the fruits of your labor, then work will become toil**

**If you can never take a stop to breathe moment work will burn you out**

**God rested and Jesus took time outs**



# Chasing Work

*Ecclesiastes 2:18-23*





# *Chasing Work*

**Solomon became Selfish**

**I had toiled for under the sun because I must leave them to the one who comes after me.**



# *Chasing Work*

**Solomon became Judgmental  
And who knows whether that person will  
be wise or foolish? Yet they will have  
control over all the fruit of my toil into  
which I have poured my effort and skill  
under the sun.**



# Chasing Work

## It's Not Fair!

So, my heart began to **despair** over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a person may labor with **wisdom, knowledge, and skill**, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it.





# Chasing Work

## It Does not Balance

What do people get for all the toil and **anxious striving** with which they labor under the sun?  
All their days their work is **grief and pain**; even  
at night their **minds do not rest.**



# *Painful Lesson*

**I've long since retired, my son's moved away  
I called him up just the other day  
I said, I'd like to see you if you don't mind  
He said, I'd love to, dad, if I can find the time  
You see, my new job's a hassle, and the kids have the flu  
But it's sure nice talking to you, dad  
It's been sure nice talking to you  
And as I hung up the phone, it occurred to me**

**He'd grown up just like me  
My boy was just like me**



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*Ecclesiastes 2:26*

