





Chasing the Wind

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Pleasure

**The understanding
of Human thought**

Work





Ecclesiastes 4:13-16

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What Next?

Advancement: the promotion of a person in rank or status

Fame: the state of being known or talked about by many people, especially on account of notable achievements.

Accomplishment: Something that has been achieved successfully.

Achievements: A thing done successfully, typically by effort, courage, or skill.



Legacy

Why Legacy?



Remembered

A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth

Ecclesiastes 7:1

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Conclusion

It does not matter how you start

Perhaps you have a messed-up past, but you can overcome it

He decides even if you were in prison, you can still rise to kingship

Even if you start out poor under one king you can still build a legacy



Temporary

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v. 15-16



Temporary

All things new are exciting

We love when we get new clothes to wear

When kids get new toys, they quickly become the "favorite"

Adults always love their new job

And the new relationship is awesome

Newness seems to bring out optimism that this time things will be different



Temporary

Solomon realizes people are fickle

Generations change legacy

We see it today as people that we once considered great are now outcasts

We like to think of history as static but as time goes on even history changes

The events do not change, but the perception of the events absolutely does



Meaningless



*A Valuable
Legacy*

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7





Godly Legacy

When Solomon thought about legacy what he thought what we should consider is how people will remember us in how we approached God

While he has mentioned God in other passages this may be the first time, he is considering God's opinion on the matter

Too Busy!



Godly Legacy

When I am a child, I am all about the fun

When I get into my late teens and twenties, I want to figure life out (knowledge)

When I hit my 30s and 40s, I am working for my future

My fifties and sixties bring a little perspective because there just aren't that many What Nexts left to think about



5 Things

*to remember in our approach
to relating to God*



5 Things

Do not become conceited in your approach to God

Worship is not about the actions you take, but the decisions you make

God is God, and you are not.

Be Consistent

Don't make it about what you think or say, make it about God



*A Good name
will Fade but a
Godly Faith
is Forever*

