



Tired



Now what do we do?



Chasing the Wind

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



Chasing the Wind

He tried partying

He tried studying

He tried working

He tried establishing a legacy

Solomon is growing tired



Meaningless



Chasing Riches



\$ Loaded \$

Solomon was the son of King David

Solomon did indeed enhance the physical wealth he received

David firmly established Israel as a nation, but Solomon brought it prosperity

He really did not have to "work" for sake of having money



Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. They seldom reflect on the days of their life because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.



Social Injustice

If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still. The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields.

Ecclesiastes 5:8-9

Riches don't make you Rich



Money Matters



Money Lover

People will be lovers of themselves, **lovers of money**, **boastful**, **proud**, **abusive**, **disobedient to their parents**, **ungrateful**, **unholy**, **without love**, **unforgiving**, **slanderos**, **without self-control**, **brutal**, **not lovers of the good**, **treacherous**, **rash**, **conceited**, **lovers of pleasure** rather than **lovers of God**

2 Timothy 3:2-4



Timeless Truths



Timeless Truths

Money is not a Satisfier

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

If money is the reason you go to work and there will never be enough pay

You will always feel entitled to more

v. 10



Timeless Truths

Consumers Eventually become Consumed

As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?

The more I have the more I want

Today we are consumer consumed people

Do we own our stuff or does our stuff own us?

v. 11



Timeless Truths

Riches does not Equal Rest

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

The poor worry about having money

The middle class worries about maintaining money

The rich worry about losing money

v. 12



Timeless Truths

Riches Offer no Security

I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit.

v. 13-14

Money is not a security blanket for life





The Results

This too is a grievous evil: As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind? All their days they eat in darkness, with great **frustration, **affliction**, and **anger**.**

v. 16-17

While he has lived in the glimmer of gold, he says he ate in darkness



The Run for Riches



Sent Ahead

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

