

**Memorial Day 2015**  
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**I. LIFE WITHOUT A PURPOSE**

Everything Is Meaningless

*1 The words of the Teacher,[a] son of David, king in Jerusalem:  
2 "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."3 What do people gain from all their labor at which they toil under the sun? 4 Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever.5 The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises.6 The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course.7 All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again. 8 All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing. 9 What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. 10 Is there anything of which one can say, "Look! This is something new" It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time. 11 No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them.*

Wisdom Is Meaningless

*12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind!  
14 I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.  
Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 (NIV)*

**RESULTS FROM NOT KNOWING  
THE PURPOSE OF LIFE**

1. Everything is meaningless.
2. Life can be an endless cycle of futility.
3. You will never be really satisfied.
4. Life will seem insignificant.

**II. HOW TO DISCOVER GOD'S PURPOSE**

*God has a purpose for your life & for mine.*

*"Long before He laid down earth's foundation, He had us in mind. He had settled on us as the focus of His love to be made whole & holy by His love." Ephesians 1:4 5 Msg  
"And this was His purpose, that when the time is ripe He will gather us all together from wherever we are in heaven or on earth to be with Him in Christ, forever." Ephesians 1:10*

*The purpose of life is to prepare us for eternity.*

**III. WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO**

1. God wants me to know Him.
2. God wants me to become like Christ.
3. God wants me to practice being a servant.
4. God wants me to share my life's purpose with others.