

Eccl. 2:11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

Works of the Sinner or *Works pleasing to God*

Eccl. 3:13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God’s gift to man.

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Eccl. 2:17 So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind.

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Eccl. 3:12-13 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God’s gift to man.

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Eccl. 3:22 So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

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Eccl. 4:4 ¶ Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man’s envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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Eccl. 4:6 ¶ Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.

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Eccl. 4:16 There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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Eccl. 5:18-20 ¶ Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

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Eccl. 6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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Eccl. 8:15 And I commend joy, for man has no good thing under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.

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Eccl. 11:9 ¶ Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

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Eccl. 12:14-14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil. The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

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Second, Solomon wrote that this judgment would take place in this life (not in a life after death) and would involve temporal not eternal rewards. These two points (enjoyment of life and judgment), which are brought together only here, are crucial in the development of the book. The enjoyment theme, mentioned at crucial times in the book is here specifically related to the theme of judgment and to the advice to fear God and keep His commandments.²

How does this affect our Joy? Matt 25:14-30

From a Biblical perspective contrast the value of a Toy from a Tool: _____

What makes you happier and gives you greater joy? _____

² Ibid, BK Commentary