

## "More to This Life" Ecclesiastes 2:1-26

As one teen said, "Solomon had it all...brains, bucks and babes!" Yet Solomon concluded, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." In his search for meaning in life, Solomon turned to a self-indulgent lifestyle and then to a realistic analysis of life and death. For all of us who have thought that happiness is only a lottery ticket away or that wisdom alone is the answer to life's emptiness, Solomon says "think again!" He concludes that apart from the giver of the gifts of life, life is "vanity and chasing after the wind." Without God life and labor is futile, with Him "there is more to life."

### ➤ **A quest for fulfillment**

- The HEDONIST'S solution ... INDULGE!
  - The PURSUIT of PLEASURE ... 2:1-3
  - The PURSUIT of PROJECTS ... 2:3-6
  - The PURSUIT of POSSESSIONS ... 2:7-10
  - The MYTH of INDULGENCE ... SATISFACTION is PERMANENT ... 2:11
- There is MORE to this LIFE WHEN we first enjoy GOD ... 2:24-26

### ➤ **Our quest for fulfillment is satisfied when we pursue god and then enjoy life's pleasures!**