

# bold honesty

the vanity of life under the sun

## Part 2: *The Pretence of Pleasure*



*"Infinitely superior to self-satisfied yuppiedom. Ecclesiastes has the heroism of honesty.  
Infinitely superior to pop psychology. It rises to the dignity of despair."  
~ Peter Kreeft. Philosopher*

### Introduction – Vanity Under The Sun

#### The Question Is Asked...

2:1-11, 24-26; 3:12-13, 22; 5:18-19; 8:15; 9:7-9

*THE EXPERIMENT (2:1-3)...*

*THE ASSESSMENT...*

- a) Immediate Assessment (2:10)
- b) Ultimate Assessment (2:11)

*Ultimately, the pursuit of pleasure leads to \_\_\_\_\_.*

*THE PRESCRIPTION (2:24-25)...*

*Pleasure is not the route to \_\_\_\_\_, but  
meaning is the route to \_\_\_\_\_.*

#### The Answer Is Given...

God wants his people to be \_\_\_\_\_! (Psalm 104:14-15)

Happiness is best found in having \_\_\_\_\_. (Song of Songs)

#### Navigating The Maze Of Pleasure Seeking...

*WHEN IS PLEASURE UNHEALTHY?*

- a) When it is \_\_\_\_\_. ...to God or others. (Ephesians 4:30)
- b) When it is \_\_\_\_\_. ...to our bodies or our relationships.  
(Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20)
- c) When it is \_\_\_\_\_. ...used to escape truth rather than  
celebrate it.  
(1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Timothy 6:17)

*WHEN IS PLEASURE AT IT'S BEST?*

- a) When it pursues \_\_\_\_\_ more than gain. (Romans 5:1-3)
- b) When it is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 6:10)
- c) When it is focused on \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.  
(Matthew 11:16-19)

#### Conclusion – The Key To Ultimate Pleasrue...

Psalm 73