

Prayer Concerns:**Chasing After Achievement**

Ecclesiastes 2:12-26 [Page 1036]

Putting wisdom and foolishness to the test. [12-16]

Wisdom = _____ thinking at its best.

Chasing after achievement. [17-23]**Looking to the greater Wise Man.**

1. _____ a _____ and _____
in _____. [24-26; John 10:10]

2. _____ your mind on _____ not on
_____. [Col. 3:1-4]

3. _____. [Matt. 6:19-21]

4. _____ Jesus' _____ of _____.
[John 5:24-25]

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What is your most valued possession? Whom would you like to leave it to when you die?

Digging Deeper:

Read Ecclesiastes 2:12-26

1. In verses 12-16, the Teacher puts wisdom and folly to the test. Wisdom, in this sense, is not the deep spiritual understanding that begins and ends with the fear of the Lord but practical advice for daily life that comes from human thinking. How does human wisdom differ from God's wisdom?
2. In this passage, Solomon deals with the reality of death. What is his view of death? How are we to view death from a Christian perspective?
3. Why did the Teacher hate life [17]?

4. Reread verses 18-21. Who is said to be the real beneficiary of someone's work? Why is that?

5. Reread verses 24-26. What does God have to do with satisfaction in work?

6. Review the four points of application from the end of the message. Which one of these was especially meaningful to you?

Taking it Home:

1. Do you see your work as a gift from God, as drudgery, or both? How does God bring you satisfaction in your work?
2. Are you enjoying the gifts God has given you today?