

***The Vanity of Pleasure***  
**Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**

**Main Point:**

The pleasures of this world are never enough; therefore, pursue the One who truly satisfies.

1. It is tempting to think that pleasure holds the secret to life.
2. This is often why we pursue the pleasures of this world.
3. But worldly pleasures always come up lacking.
4. Because only Jesus can give us what we need.

**Benjamin Shaw** “In this investigation, as in the others in which he engages, Solomon remains objective. In other words, he does not devote himself to pleasure without reservation. Instead, he maintains, as it were, a mental objectivity, like the doctor examining the progress of his own disease.”

**Philip Ryken** “Whenever he spied something he wanted, he took it. Whenever he was tempted to indulge in a fleshly pleasure, he did so. There was nothing he denied himself - nothing ‘visibly entertaining or inwardly satisfying’.”

**Romans 13:14** 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts. (NKJV)

**Philip Ryken** “If all the pleasures under the sun cannot satisfy our souls, then we need to look beyond this world to God in Heaven.”

**Psalms 16:11** 11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore. (NKJV)

**Philippians 4:11-13** 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (NKJV)

**Mark 8:36** 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? (NKJV)