

- Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
  - Ecclesiastes applies to all \_\_\_\_\_ since we are all susceptible to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3 Things to guide us as we study Ecclesiastes:
    - 1) Ecclesiastes was written from an \_\_\_\_\_ perspective and must be interpreted in an \_\_\_\_\_ way of thinking.
    - 2) The only way to have \_\_\_\_\_ in this life, is if there is \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 3) If \_\_\_\_\_ is a gateway to another \_\_\_\_\_, the only possible meaning to this life can be what is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - How many times is “Vanity” mentioned in Verse #2: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Synonyms for Vanity:
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 4) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 5) \_\_\_\_\_

1. “The meaning of life is whatever you ascribe it to be. Being alive is the meaning.” —*Joseph Campbell*
2. “Whatever we are, whatever we make of ourselves, is all we will ever have—and that, in its profound simplicity, is the meaning of life.” —*Philip Appleman*
3. “Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can’t help them, at least don’t hurt them.” —*The Dalai Lama*
4. “There is not one big cosmic meaning for all; there is only the meaning we each give to our life, an individual meaning, an individual plot, like an individual novel, a book for each person.” —*Anais Nin*
5. “The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit.” —*Nelson Henderson*
6. “The meaning of life is not simply to exist, to survive, but to move ahead, to go up, to achieve, to conquer.” —*Arnold Schwarzenegger*
7. “We’re here for a reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out to lead people through the dark.” —*Whoopi Goldberg*
8. “Life is meant to be fun, and joyous and fulfilling. May each of yours be that.” —*Jim Henson*, *It’s Not Easy Being Green: And Other Things to Consider*
9. “The ultimate aim of the human mind, in all its efforts, is to become acquainted with truth.” —*Eliza Farnham*
10. “I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.” —*George Bernard Shaw*
11. “I feel the capacity to care is the thing which gives life its deepest significance.” —*Pablo Casals*
12. “The man who is born with a talent which he is meant to use, finds his greatest happiness in using it.” —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

13. "It is not our purpose to become each other; it is to recognize each other, to learn to see the other and honor him for what he is." —*Hermann Hesse*

14. "Begin at once to live, and count each day as a separate life."  
—*Seneca*

15. "Every moment of your life is infinitely creative and the universe is endlessly bountiful. Just put forth a clear enough request, and everything your heart desires must come to you." —*Mahatma Gandhi*

16. Monty Python's the Meaning of Life:

- "Try and be nice to people, avoid eating fat, read a good book every now and then, get some walking in, and try and live together in peace and harmony with people of all creeds and nations".

**3 Main Things People Ascribe to Meaning/Purpose in their Life:**

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