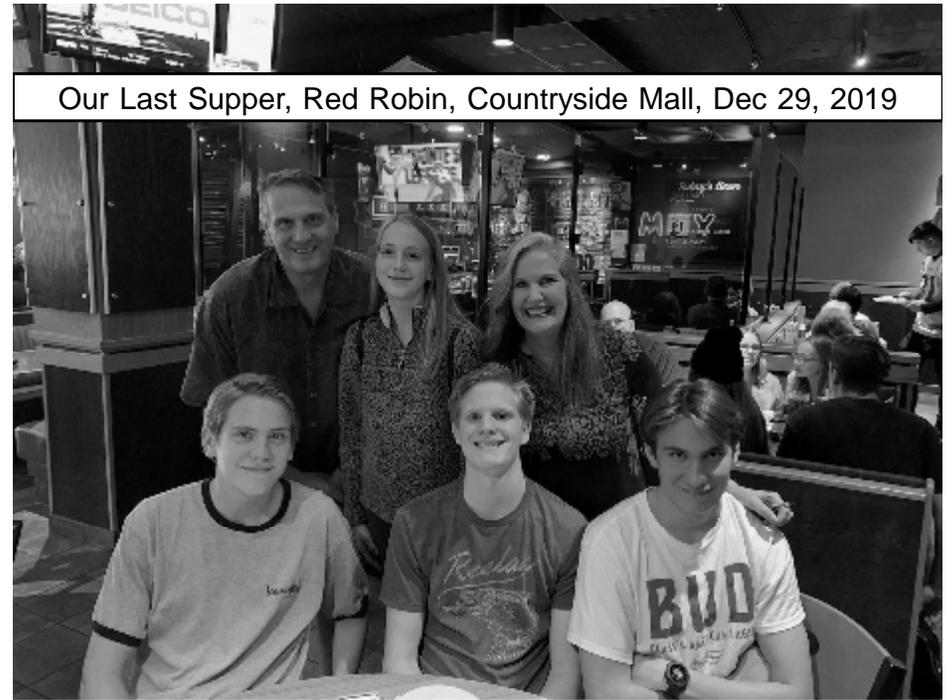


ECCLESIASTES 6 & 7

Solomon's Search for Wisdom



Our Last Supper, Red Robin, Countryside Mall, Dec 29, 2019

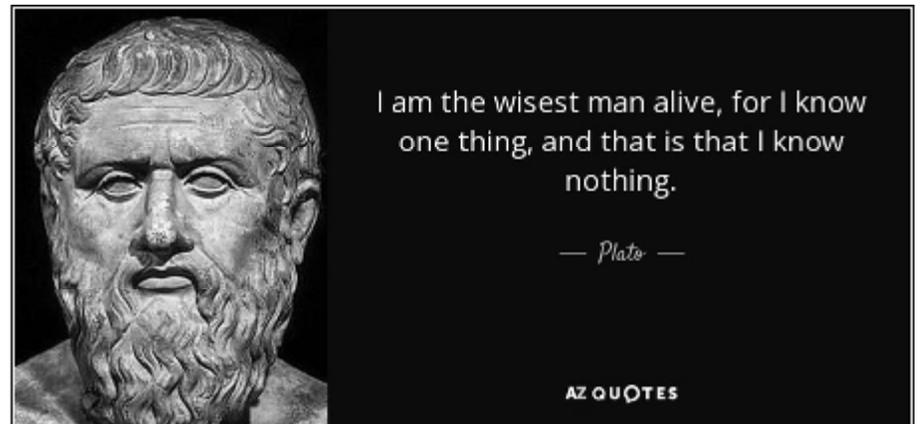
WHO IS THE WISEST PERSON IN THE WORLD?



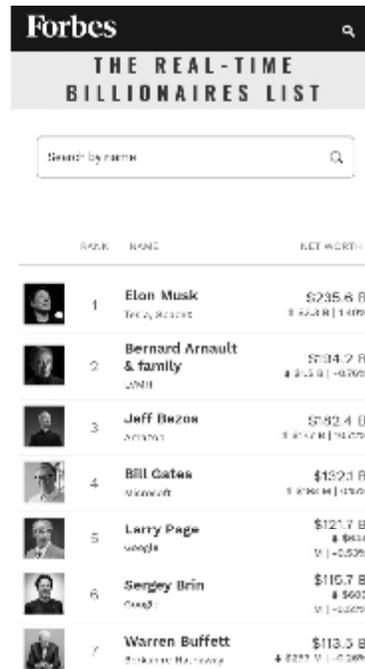
King Solomon. Solomon was the third king over Israel. Solomon ruled with wisdom over Israel for 40 years, securing stability through treaties with foreign powers. He is celebrated for his wisdom and for building the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem. Sep 11, 2019

OTHER WISE PEOPLE THROUGH HISTORY

Plato, Socrates, Confucious, DaVinci, Galileo
—even Winston Churchill



Forbes list includes Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, and Bill Gates, among others.



RANK	NAME	NET WORTH
1	Elon Musk Tesla, SpaceX	\$235.8 B ▲ 22.4 B +10%
2	Bernard Arnault & family LVMH	\$214.2 B ▲ 2.3 B +0%
3	Jeff Bezos Amazon	\$192.4 B ▲ 1.7 B +1%
4	Bill Gates Microsoft	\$152.1 B ▲ 2.9 B +2%
5	Larry Page Google	\$121.7 B ▲ \$614 M +0.5%
6	Sergey Brin Google	\$110.7 B ▲ \$602 M +0.5%
7	Warren Buffett Berkshire Hathaway	\$113.5 B ▲ \$237 M +0.5%

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY

- ***Under the Sun***—an earth-bound perspective—a life apart from God
- ***Futility and a Severe Affliction***—everything you acquire during your life is ultimately a meaningless act and has no purpose.

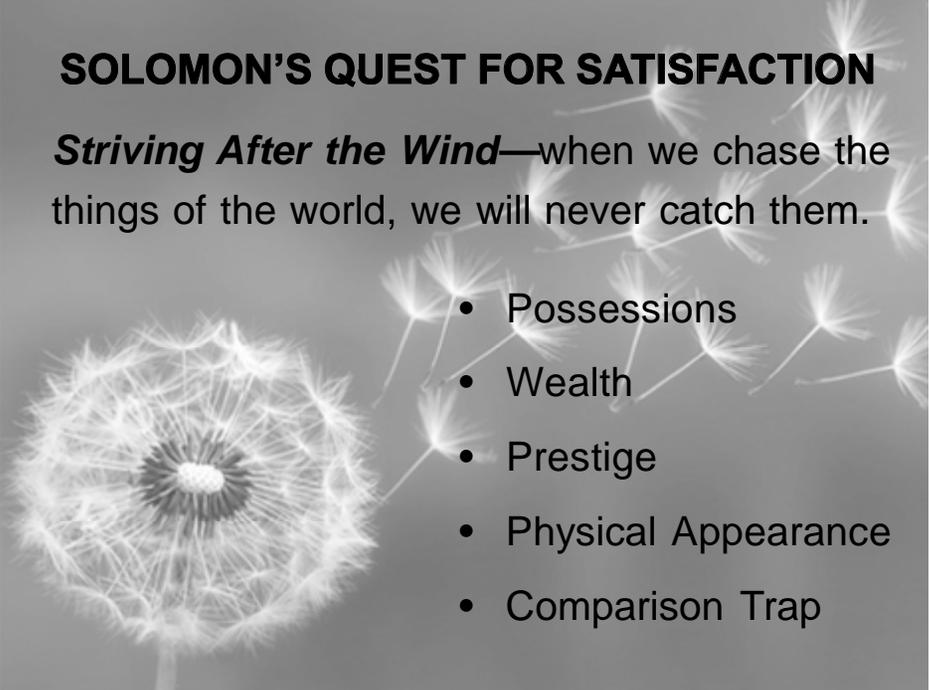
Why would increasing a man's lifespan not solve the problem for gaining wisdom?

“If you're not happy & content in the first 1000 years, why would you think the next 1000 years would be any better?”

Karen Davis

SOLOMON'S QUEST FOR SATISFACTION

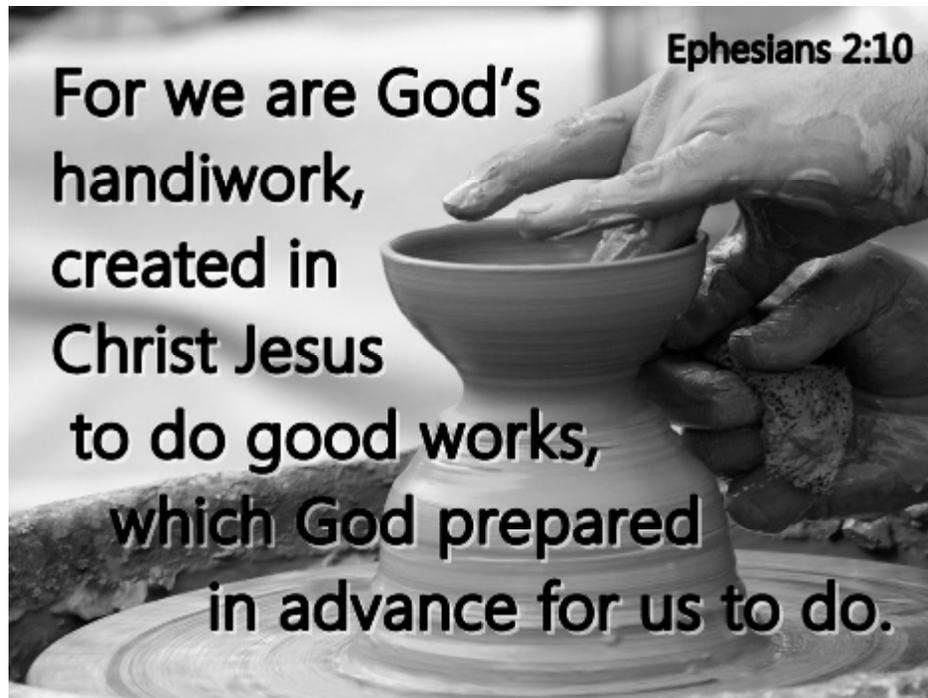
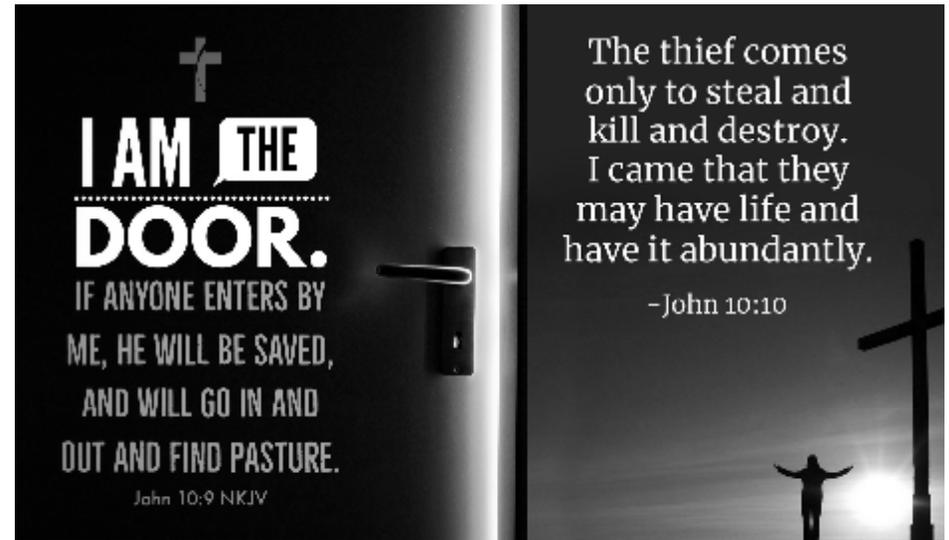
Striving After the Wind—when we chase the things of the world, we will never catch them.

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- Possessions
 - Wealth
 - Prestige
 - Physical Appearance
 - Comparison Trap

THE PREACHER'S 2 QUESTIONS

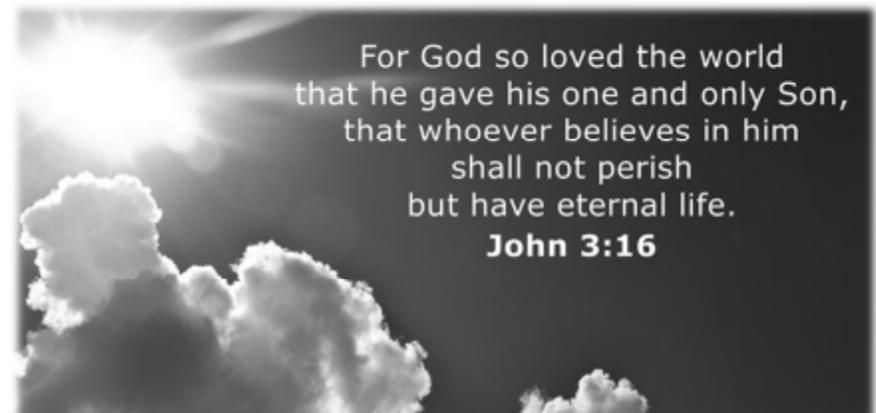
QUESTION 1:

Ecclesiastes 6:12—Who knows what is good for a person during the few years of his futile life?
(NASB)



THE PREACHER'S 2 QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2: Who can tell a person what will happen after him under the sun?



A NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be discovered.

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3:13

CHAPTER 7

A good name is better than good oil,
...a fine perfume...

WISDOM VS. FOOLISHNESS

- Mourning vs. Pleasure
- Prosperity vs. Adversity
- Living a Balanced Life
- The Need for Wisdom
- The Frustration of Seeking Wisdom
- Solomon's Conclusion on Wisdom

MOURNING VS. PLEASURE

Why are death and mourning wiser than pleasure and laughter?

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸ in the future there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

PROSPERITY VS. ADVERSITY

Is it wise to obtain wealth and what characteristics should accompany it?

- An inheritance is good.
- Money is protection.
- Patience vs. arrogance / anger
- Longing for the past
- God has made both.

LIVING A BALANCED LIFE

- Do not be excessively righteous or overly wise.
- Consider the work of God.
- Grasp the fear of the Lord.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 9:10).

“And by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil” (Proverbs 16:6).

THE NEED FOR WISDOM

- Wisdom strengthens you.
- The wise understand their sinfulness.
- Be wise with the words you speak.
- Do not take people's criticisms seriously.

Dianne & Debbie, Christmas 2021



THE FRUSTRATION OF SEEKING WISDOM

- Solomon's dire quest to know wisdom
- The woman who lures you in
- The temptation to sin
- Recognizing your own weakness
- Avoiding temptation

But you, man of God, flee from all this,
and pursue righteousness, godliness,
faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11

**FLEE THE EVIL DESIRES OF YOUTH
AND PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FAITH, LOVE AND PEACE, ALONG
WITH THOSE WHO CALL ON THE
LORD OUT OF A PURE HEART.**

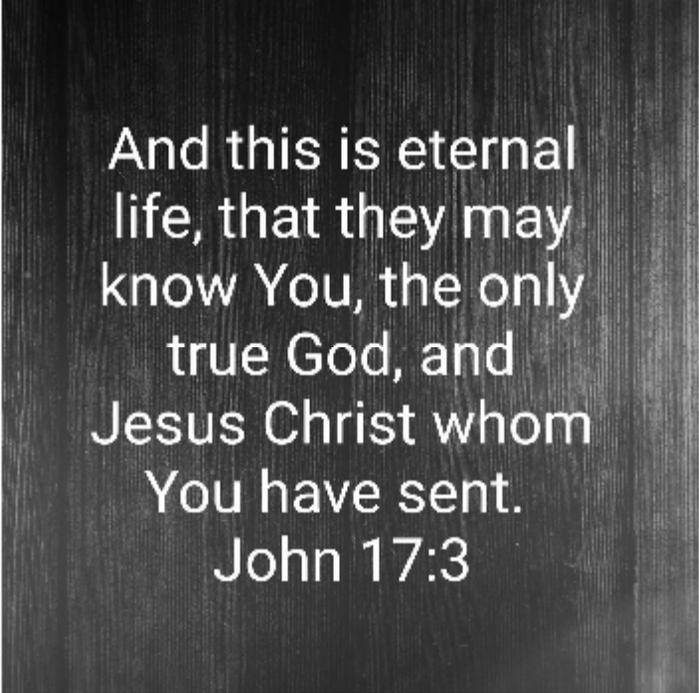
2 TIMOTHY 2:22

SOLOMON'S CONCLUSION

- Wisdom cannot be found.
- God has made man to be upright and good.
- Man seeks his own desires and fails.

LESSONS FROM ECCLESIASTES 6 & 7

- It is wise to seek wisdom.
- Mourning is part of becoming wise.
- Look forward, not back.
- Live a balanced life.
- Our hope is in Jesus as our Savior.



And this is eternal
life, that they may
know You, the only
true God, and
Jesus Christ whom
You have sent.
John 17:3