

A faint, artistic illustration of a hand with the index finger pointing upwards, rendered in a dark teal color that blends into the background. The hand appears to be reaching from the bottom right towards the top left.

MAKE *Your Life* MATTER:

A Study in Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 2:1–3

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Ecclesiastes 2:4–6

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Ecclesiastes 2:9–11

⁹ So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰ And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found **pleasure** in all my toil, **and this was my reward for all my toil.** ¹¹ Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

What You Seek, You Will Find

- Matt 7:7

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***"...seek the things which
are above, where Christ
is, seated at the right
hand of God."***

Colossians 3:1

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"And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Hebrews 11:6

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***"But seek first the
kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all
these things will be
added to you."***

Matthew 6:33

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***"For the Son of Man
came to seek and save
the lost"***

Luke 19:10

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The Pain of Denial

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