



## Money

Ecclesiastes 1:2,7,8,9,14,18; 2:1-3, 8-11: “Meaningless! Meaningless! says the Teacher. Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless... <sup>7</sup> All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing. <sup>9</sup> What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. <sup>14</sup> I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind. <sup>18</sup> For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief. I said to myself, ‘Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.’ But that also proved to be meaningless. <sup>2</sup> ‘Laughter,’ I said, ‘is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?’ <sup>3</sup> I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was good for people to do under the heavens during the few days of their lives...<sup>8</sup> I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man’s heart. <sup>9</sup> I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me. <sup>10</sup> I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. <sup>11</sup> Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.”

“...nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.” 1 Corinthians 15:58(NLT)

“That they went far from Me, and walked after emptiness and became empty?”  
Jeremiah 2:5(NASB)