

Getting removed from Self Occupation

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Solomon getting all he wants (“I” centered)

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

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2 I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with mirth: therefore enjoy pleasure”; and behold, this also was vanity. ² I said of laughter, “It is foolishness”; and of mirth, “What does it accomplish?”

³ **I searched** in my heart how to cheer my flesh with wine, my heart yet guiding me with wisdom, and how to lay hold of folly, until I might see what it was good for the sons of men that they should do under heaven all the days of their lives. ⁴ **I made** myself great works. I built myself houses. I planted myself vineyards. ⁵ **I made** myself gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit. ⁶ **I made** myself pools of water, to water from it the forest where trees were reared. ⁷ **I bought** male servants and female servants, and had servants born in my house. I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all who were before me in Jerusalem; ⁸ I also gathered silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and of the provinces. **I got** myself male and female singers, and the delights of the sons of men—musical instruments, and that of all sorts. ⁹ So **I was great**, and increased more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also remained with me. ¹⁰ Whatever my eyes desired, I didn’t keep from them. I didn’t withhold my heart from any joy, for my heart rejoiced because of all my labor, and this was my portion from all my labor. ¹¹ Then I looked at all the works that my hands had worked, and at the labor that I had labored to do; and behold, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was no profit under the sun.

Result

Ecclesiastes 2:17

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¹⁷ So **I hated** life, because the work that is worked under the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

- “Created can never satisfy than the creator”
- “Don’t need to impress others” – shows emptiness on inside

Be Christ Centered

1 Corinthians 12:15-25

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¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I’m not the hand, I’m not part of the body,” it is not therefore not part of the body. ¹⁶ If the ear would say, “Because I’m not the eye, I’m not part of the body,” it’s not therefore not part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the smelling be?¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body, just as he desired. ¹⁹ If they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now they are many members, but one body. ²¹ The eye can’t tell the hand, “I have no need for you,” or again the head to the feet, “I have no need for you.” ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ Those parts of the body which we think to be less honorable, on those we bestow more abundant honor; and our unpresentable parts have more abundant propriety;²⁴ whereas our presentable parts have no such need. But God composed the body together, giving more abundant honor to the inferior part,²⁵ that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.