

The Search for Satisfaction

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The Secret to a Satisfied Life

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Typical Fields of Endeavor

Sex
Power
Achievement
Money

“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, ‘I have not pleasure in them.’”
Ecclesiastes 12:1

What is Your Focal Point?

I have three specific reasons for my personal belief in God:

- 1) I believe in God because of creation.
- 2) I believe in God because of conscience.
- 3) I believe in God because of Christ.

What is Your Truth Source?

“The words of wise men are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one shepherd, and further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books, there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh.”

Ecclesiastes 12:12

What is Your Life Quest?

“Here is my final conclusion: Fear God and keep his commands, for this is the duty of every person. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

“The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration but its donation.” —Corrie Ten Boom

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.”
Proverbs 1:7

What is a satisfied life?

- Knowing your purpose—Give God your attention
- Growing to reach your maximum potential—Read the instructions
- Sowing seeds to benefit others—Live Beyond Yourself

“In the end, Ecclesiastes is a book that functions not as a meal, but as a bath. It is not nourishment; it is cleansing. It is repentance and purging. We read it to get scrubbed clean from illusion and sentiment, from ideas that are idolatrous and feelings that cloy. It is an expose’ and rejection of every arrogant and ignorant expectation we can live our lives by ourselves on our own terms... The author’s cool skepticism, a refreshing negation to the lush and seductive suggestions swirling around us, promising everything and delivering nothing, clears the air. And once the air is cleared, we are ready for reality—for God.”

—Eugene Peterson

“Thou hast made us for Thyself and our heart is restless till it rests in Thee.” —Augustine

Password: Christ

“I am come that you might have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

“These things I have spoken unto you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”
John 15:11

“But these things are written that you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:21