

**“Satisfaction in a World of Want”**

**12th in “The Good Life” Series**

**Text: Ecclesiastes 6:1-12**

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8) Based upon v. 9, the key to a “wandering appetite” is to learn to (1) “see”

what you already have as God’s gift and (2) seek to be satisfied with it “in

the Lord.” How could a Christian being to put those two steps into practice?

9) Read Philippians 4:10-13. In context the famous v. 13 is not talking about

doing anything extraordinary, but about being “satisfied” in every

circumstance, with little or with much. How should an understanding of the

context change the way that verse is used? How does Christ become my

satisfaction in all states of provision, and the source of my contentment?

10) In point #3 in the sermon notes, I gave five reasons why God would talk

about money and possessions so much in Ecclesiastes. Which of those

reasons speak into your battle with a wandering appetite of want? How can

you begin to apply the gospel to your daily wants and desires?

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

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**Introduction**

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In this passage God explains how sin creates continual dissatisfaction and God provides true satisfaction.

**The Text: Ecclesiastes 6:1-12**

1. Money and wealth is a bad investment, for it always ends in disappointment (vv. 1-6).
2. Our fallen world has so distorted us and our desires that we have an insatiable appetite for money and material things (vv. 7-9).
3. Why would God talk about money and possessions so much in Ecclesiastes (vv. 10-12).

*(1) Because our bodies’ appetite for money and possessions will hide and deny the needs of our soul.*

*(2) Because we live in a “world of want” and need to establish boundaries and habits that protect the soul’s ownership of our satisfaction.*

*(3) Because God detests idolatry, and money/material possessions become favorite idols we worship in place of God.*

*(4) Because God loves you, wants you to be satisfied, and knows only he can satisfy you.*

*(5) Because God is jealous for you and the only thing you can do for him is receive him and find satisfaction in him.*

**Response**

* Which will you worship and obey: your wandering appetite for more or your God?



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**Satisfaction in a World of Want**

1. Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
2. V. 1 suggests that a person can lack nothing he desires and yet not have satisfaction. How is that possible?
3. Still in v. 1, if God is the one who “gives the power to enjoy” things, what does that look like?
4. If our enjoyment of material things is not based upon the things themselves but on God, why do we continue to seek enjoyment in the things themselves?
5. This text makes clear that our appetite for material things will never be satisfied, that we will always be driven by want. How have you seen this in our culture, and in yourself?
6. V. 3 declares that the seat of satisfaction is not the body and its material wanting but the soul. What does that mean, or look like in real life?

7) If you were honest, how are you dealing with your “wandering appetite”

(v. 9) for money and material things, especially in our consumeristic,

sales-driven world where you are told a hundred times a day to want

things (car, make-up, a kind of body, a new house, a new shirt, a

vacation, etc.)?