

# CHASING THE WIND

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## CHASING PLEASURE

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

## Notes

**OUR VISION** is to see CHRIST...  
TRANSFORMING individuals and families  
RENEWING neighborhoods and the valley  
EMPOWERING local and global missional leaders.

Heb. 12:14-15 (Godly living)  
14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

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SERMON GUIDE

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Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, 9:7-10 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted every Friday in the News & Blog section of our website. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your Bible studies!

**\*QUESTIONS FOR KIDS!** Questions most suitable for children are marked with an asterisk.

### Conversation Questions

1. As you look back on your life, are there anything experiences or desires that you've chased that simply didn't deliver on the satisfaction they promised? Be as specific as you're comfortable.
2. Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 and 9:7-10. What verse or phrase stands out to you most? Why?
  - a. For a great introduction to the book of Ecclesiastes you might take a moment to watch this video from the Bible Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeUiuSK81-0>
  - b. Or, you can go to YouTube and type "Bible Project Ecclesiastes" in the search bar. It will be the second video they suggest.
3. The Teacher said in his heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." (v.1). What are some of the "pleasures" that the Teacher pursued?
  - a. Share about any of these resonate with your own experience.
4. In verse 10 the Teacher concludes: "my heart found pleasure in all my toil..." and then in the very next verse he says, "all was vanity and a striving after the wind." (v.11).
  - a. What do you think changed? (Hint: you might quickly look at 2:18-23)
  - b. Have you ever had this experience – everything in life seems to be going well and then all of a sudden you find yourself not satisfied with things that once made you happy? Why does this happen?
5. What do you think chapter nine adds to the Teacher's message about pleasure? What kinds of questions does it leave unanswered?
  - a. How does the resurrection of Jesus and the coming judgement of God shape how we approach life's pleasures?

Take some time to give thanks for all of the blessings God has given you to enjoy. Ask for his help to not be drawn away from the love of God.