

Book: Ecclesiastes
Series: Two Ways to Live: Under the Sun or In the Fear of God
Lesson 3: The Futility of Life, Part 2
Text: Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; 2:12-17
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Next Lesson: Ecclesiastes 2:18-23; 3:1-9

INTRODUCTION

It is no surprise that, when Solomon began his quest for significance and meaning “under the sun,” he started with wisdom. This is what he knew best and apparently found some alleviation and benefit from. But when drawn to its extent, when applied with black and white regularity, when tested by the reality of a cyclical and unpredictable existence, could it render true and satisfactory hope? In two different sections, Solomon is going to answer that question, and his answer continues to support his overarching verdict that **life merely lived “under the sun” is futile.**

THE LIMITATIONS OF WISDOM SEEN IN ITS _____ (1:12-15)

1. *Life is* _____ *(vv. 12-13).*
2. *Life is* _____ *(v. 15).*
3. *Life is* _____ *(v. 14).*

Application/Realization:

THE LIMITATIONS OF WISDOM SEEN IN ITS _____ (1:16-18)

1. *His* _____ *of wisdom (v. 16).*
2. *His* _____ *of wisdom (v. 17a).*
3. *His* _____ *with wisdom (vv. 17b-18).*

Application/Realization:

THE LIMITATIONS OF WISDOM SEEN IN ITS _____ (2:12-17)

1. *Wisdom may ease the* _____ *of life (vv. 12-14a).*
2. *Wisdom still experiences the* _____ *of life (vv. 14b-17).*

Application/Realization: