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| <b>Book:</b>        | Ecclesiastes  |
| <b>Series:</b>      | Two Ways to Live: Under the Sun or In the Fear of God |
| <b>Lesson 8:</b>    | The Futility of Life, Part 8                          |
| <b>Text:</b>        | Ecclesiastes 6:1-12                                   |
| <b>Date:</b>        | Sunday, March 10, 2013                                |
| <b>Next Lesson:</b> | Ecclesiastes 5:1-7                                    |

## INTRODUCTION

In a picture, that is the futility of life merely lived “under the sun.” Solomon has been exploring that in detail, finding specific illustrations for specific aspects of life’s futility. Now, in 6:1-12, Solomon concludes his quest with a summary depiction of life’s vanity. We could entitle this section “The Dissatisfaction of Being Human,” and in it the Teacher summarily and climactically echoes his recurring theme—life merely lived “under the sun” is futile. In this lesson, we will discover two manifestations of the dissatisfaction of humanness.

## THE FAILURE TO \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE (vv. 1-9)

1. *A man may have \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 1-3a, 6a).*
  - a. *He may have material \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2).*
  - b. *He may have an enlarged \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3).*
  - c. *He may have a \_\_\_\_\_ life (vv. 3, 6).*
  - d. *He may have \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3).*
  
2. *That man learns that everything is not \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 2, 3, 6b-7).*
  
3. *That man is better off \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 3b-6, 8).*

4. *Enjoyment is \_\_\_\_\_ for that man (v. 9).*

## Application:

## THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF EXISTENCE (vv. 10-12)

1. *Our \_\_\_\_\_ are fixed (v. 10a).*
  
2. *Our \_\_\_\_\_ is frail (v. 10b).*
  
3. *Our \_\_\_\_\_ is fruitless (v. 11).*
  
4. *Our \_\_\_\_\_ is foundationless (v. 12).*

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## CONCLUSION

In these first 6 chapters, “the Preacher is slamming every door except the door of faith.” “The British essayist and poet Joseph Addison (1672-1718) wrote, ‘The grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for.’ Addison probably didn’t have Christianity in mind when he wrote that, but we have all three in Jesus Christ!”