

— *Ecclesiastes* —

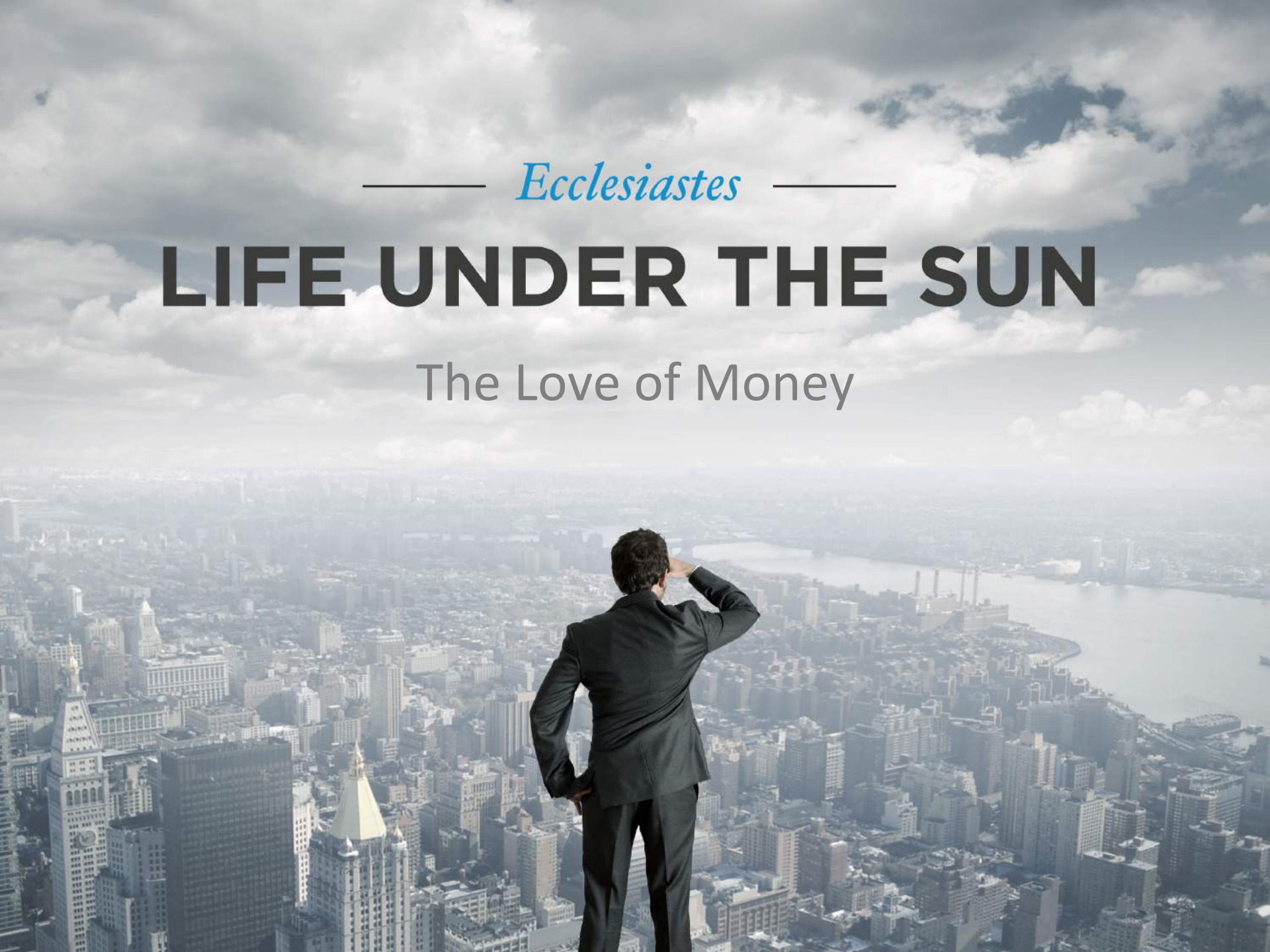
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The Love of Money



He who loves money will not be satisfied with money,
nor he who loves wealth with his income;
this also is vanity.

King Solomon,
Ecc 5:10

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The Pursuit of Meaning

“Money is like sea water.
The more you drink, the thirstier you get”

A Roman Proverb

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“I was happier when I was doing a mechanic’s job.”

Henry Ford

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“Take it from me. . . fame and fortune are not what
they’re cracked up to be.”

Madonna

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“I have made many millions,
but they have brought me no happiness.”

John D. Rockefeller

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Someone once asked John D. Rockefeller
how much money he wanted. He answered,
“Just a little bit more.”

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When goods increase, they increase who eat them,
and what advantage has their owner
but to see them with his eyes?

King Solomon,
Ecc 5:11

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Sweet is the sleep of a laborer,
whether he eats little or much,
but the full stomach of the rich
will not let him sleep.

King Solomon,
Ecc 5:12

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There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun:
riches were kept by their owner to his hurt,

King Solomon,
Ecc 5:13

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and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is
father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.

King Solomon,
Ecc 5:14

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As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again,
naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil
that he may carry away in his hand.

This also is a grievous evil:
just as he came, so shall he go,
and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?

King Solomon,
Ecc 5:15,16

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Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

King Solomon,
Ecc 5:17

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“The ironic thing about possession
is that you don’t possess the possessions,
the possessions possess you.”

Philip Ng

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Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

Ecc 5:18

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Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.

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becoming

WORLDLY SAINTS



“Worldly Saints” may seem like an oxymoron, but it’s the perfect title for what God calls Christians to be. We must be worldly—enjoying creation, loving friends and family, and excelling in our cultural tasks. All things being equal, Christians should make the best humans.

We also must be saints—loving God, fighting sin and making disciples of all nations. Being a saint is more important than being worldly, but we can’t have one without the other.

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There are 2 ways to ruin our relationship with the Giver.....

The 1st is to ignore him and focus entirely on his gifts.....

The 2nd way is to ignore the gift and focus entirely on the Giver.

If the 1st temptation ignores the God who gives,
the 2nd refuses to let him be the God who gives.

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This latter (2nd) temptation is a subtler form of idolatry.

It's idolatry because we are acting as if we know better than God, who gives us “every good and perfect gift” to enjoy.

.....And it's subtle because it seems exceedingly pious.....

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We must see God's gifts of creation
as windows into his glory and opportunities to praise him.
But we must also find pleasure in them.....

We must thank God for our daily bread, but it's okay to focus on
the flavors of our sandwich while we're eating it.
We're even allowed to score a touchdown or hit a home run
without pausing to pound our chest and point to heaven.

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Our love for Jesus and his world is not a zero sum game.
Attention given to creation is not stolen from its Creator.

The more we enjoy God's gifts for their own sake,
the more we can appreciate him.

And thank him for, and love him with.

Where will you enjoy God's creation today?

Thank God for the privilege of being human and of being here.

Then go have some fun.

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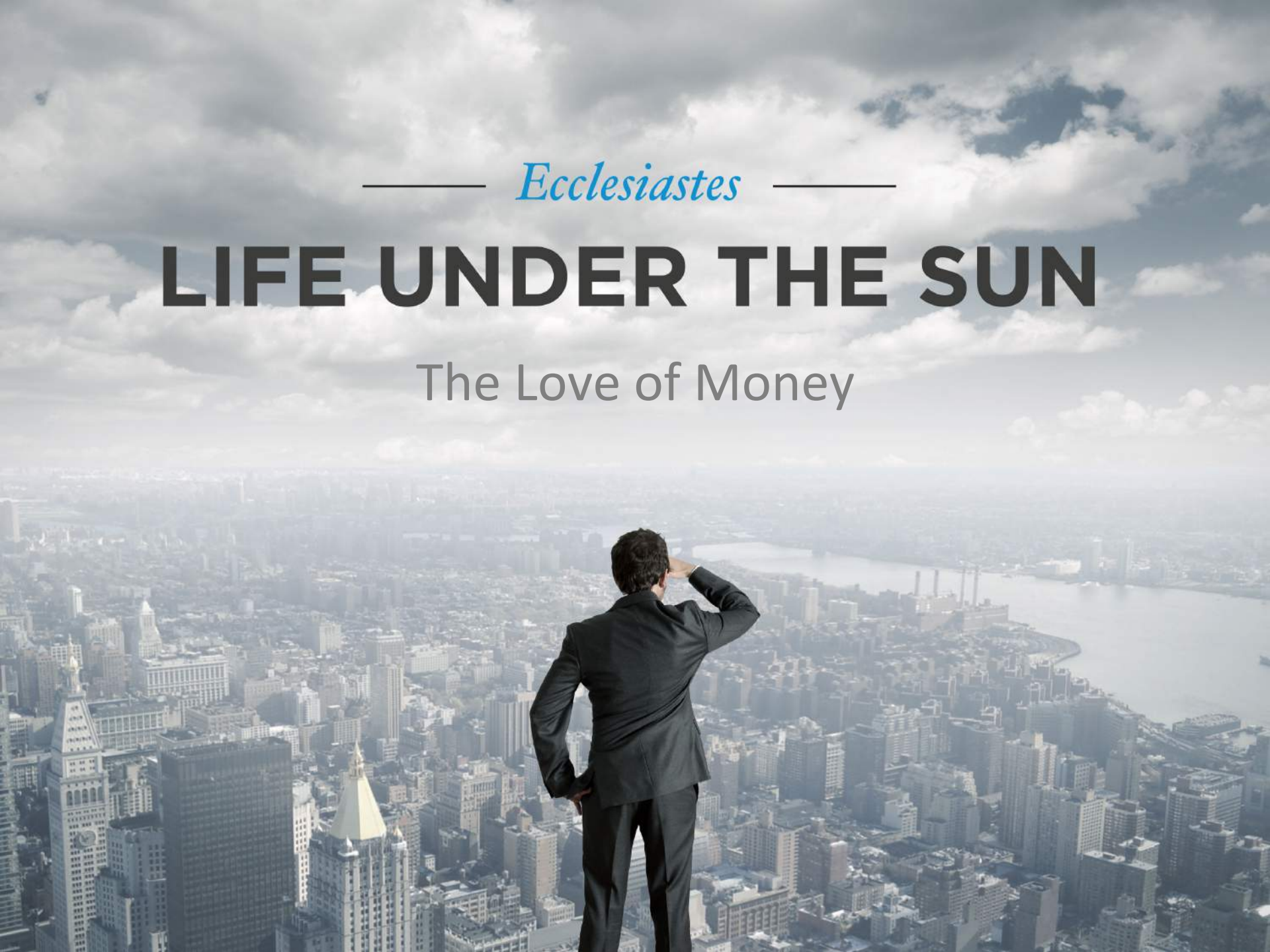
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“You have to decide whether you want to make money
or to make sense because the two are mutually
exclusive.”

Buckminster Fuller

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