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Pay to all what is owed to them..... respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

(Romans 13:1,4,7 ESV)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

(1 Timothy 2:1-4 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

LIFE UNDER THE SUN



— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Contentment in a Discontented World



There is an evil that I have seen under the sun,
and it lies heavy on mankind:

(Ecclesiastes 6:1 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

The Delusion of “If only I have.....

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Delusion of “If only I have.....
more money

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Delusion of “If only I have.....
more money
that car

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Delusion of “If only I have.....
more money
that car
that house

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Delusion of “If only I have.....

more money
that car
that house
my promotion

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Delusion of “If only I have.....

more money
that car
that house
my promotion
children

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Delusion of “If only I have.....

more money
that car
that house
my promotion
children
a longer life

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

The Delusion of “If only I have.....
more money
that car
that house
my promotion
children
a longer life
then, I’ll find satisfaction in this life”

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and
honor, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires,

(Ecclesiastes 6:2 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and
honor, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires,
yet God does not give him power to enjoy them,
but a stranger enjoys them.
This is vanity; it is a grievous evil.

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— *Ecclesiastes* —

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— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many
years, so that the days of his years are many,

(Ecclesiastes 6:3 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many,

(Ecclesiastes 6:3 ESV)

Even though he should live a **thousand years twice over**

(Ecclesiastes 6:6 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many
years, so that the days of his years are many,
but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things,
and he also has no burial,

(Ecclesiastes 6:3 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many
years, so that the days of his years are many,
but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things,
and he also has no burial,
I say that a stillborn child is better off than he.

(Ecclesiastes 6:3 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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福如东海

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

福如东海
寿比南山

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

福如东海
寿比南山
子孙满堂

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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If only I have

福如东海
寿比南山
子孙满堂

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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If only I have

福如东海
寿比南山
子孙满堂

I'll be happy

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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NO GUARANTEE

福如东海
If only I have 寿比南山 I'll be happy
子孙满堂

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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If only I have
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子孙满堂

Discontentment is a Delusion

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied. For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? And what does the poor man have who knows how to conduct himself before the living?

(Ecclesiastes 6:7-8 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied. For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? And what does the poor man have who knows how to conduct himself before the living?
Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

(Ecclesiastes 6:7-9 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Delusion of Discontentment

“If only I have..... I’ll be happy”

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Deliverance from Discontentment

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Deliverance from Discontentment

“God has given..... I am happy”

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

Whatever has come to be has already been named,
and it is known what man is, and that he is not able to
dispute with one stronger than he.

(Ecclesiastes 6:10 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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“To argue with God is to argue with the very power
that makes it possible to argue at all.”

C S Lewis

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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But who are you, O man, to answer back to God?
Will what is molded say to its molder,
“Why have you made me like this?”

(Romans 9:20 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Deliverance from Discontentment

“God has given..... I am happy”

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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For **who knows what is good** for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow?
For who can tell man **what will be after him** under the sun?

(Ecclesiastes 6:12 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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The Pursuit of Meaning

Contentment is
not worrying about what the future holds
but knowing Who holds the future

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Contentment is
realizing you are better off the way you are right now
because it is God's will.

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Contentment is
that sweet inward quiet, that gracious frame of spirit
which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and
fatherly disposal in every condition.

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Contentment is
realizing that God has already provided everything we
need for our greatest happiness.

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Contentment is Confidence in God

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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“Beneath every sin is the failure to believe everything I need, I already possess in Christ. That’s what’s at the bottom of discontentment, our failure to believe that everything we need, we already possess in Jesus Christ.”

Tullian Tchividjian

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Contentment is Confidence in God

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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“There are two tragedies in life:
one is not to get your heart’s desire.
The other is to get it.”

George Bernard Shaw

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Contentment is Confidence in God

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Question:
Does it mean that we are to have no ambition?

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Contentment is Confidence in God

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Contentment is
Confidence in God
Because of Jesus Christ

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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He who did not spare his own Son
but gave him up for us all,
how will he not also with him
graciously give us all things?

(Romans 8:32 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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"I spent most of my life searching
for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.
Then I finally found it at the foot of the cross."

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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