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“Empty Education”

-Ecclesiastes 1:12-18-

Introduction:

- What would satisfy you? To get to the next grade? To play that game? To be a little older? To have a certain person notice you? To see that new movie? To win that championship? To get that new iPhone? To spend more time with that pet? To eat that and drink this? To write a song? To have a certain person love you? To look perfect? To have everything peaceful at home? To graduate? To get into a good college? To get a scholarship? To throw a perfect party? To climb that mountain? To run that race? To finish college? To make a discovery? To marry the love of your life? To get a good job? To make a good amount of money? To have a house? To have your own family? To have your kids graduate? To have them go to college? To be a little younger? To have a long life? To stay healthy to the end? To see the world? To have a large inheritance to give? To see your grandkids' weddings? To die peacefully? To have all of this before you die?

Notes:

Education cannot provide the cure for life's conundrum!

In Ecclesiastes 1:12-18, we realize this through the pursuit and perception of education.

Education Pursued (vv. 12-15):

- Solomon pursued wisdom _____.
- God put this work in man's _____.
- He found the pursuit is also _____.
- The pursuit won't change life's _____.

Notes:

Education Perceived (vv. 16-18):

- Solomon perceived more than _____.
- He even knew the opposing _____.
- The realization was also _____.
- More wisdom, more _____.

Notes:

Conclusion:

How should we view this short life?

"The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person."

-- Ecclesiastes 12:13 --