

# Finding Purpose ~A Sit Down Story~ Part 1

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In Your Bible:  
Ecclesiastes 1:2-10

Thought for the Day:  
The Book of Ecclesiastes is a sit-down story.

## Introduction

*Ecclesiastes 1:2-10*

*“Everything is meaningless,” says the Teacher, “completely meaningless!” What do people get for all their hard work under the sun? Generations come and generations go, but the earth never changes. The sun rises and the sun sets, then hurries around to rise again. The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around it goes, blowing in circles. Rivers run into the sea, but the sea is never full. Then the water returns again to the rivers and flows out again to the sea. Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content. History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new. Sometimes people say, “Here is something new!” But actually it is old; nothing is ever truly new.*

## 1. Life Is a Matter of Rhythm.

A. Where do you find meaning in your life?

*Ecclesiastes 1:12-14*

I, the Teacher, was king of Israel, and I lived in Jerusalem. I devoted myself to search for understanding and to explore by wisdom everything being done under heaven. I soon discovered that God has dealt a tragic existence to the human race. I observed everything going on under the sun, and really, it is all meaningless—like chasing the wind.

B. This life is often lacking purpose: It's the introduction to Ecclesiastes.

*Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

*That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.*

C. The Point: Fear (respect) God and follow (obey) His commands.

D. Remember: God will handle all things.

## 2. Meaning and Purpose Is Not About Ease: A Roadmap to Purpose.

A. Life is meaningless unless you build your life on something meaningful.

*Matthew 7:24*

*"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.*

B. Jesus fills the void in our lives.

*John 10:10*

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*

*John 5:21*

*For just as the Father gives life to those He raises from the dead, so the Son gives life to anyone He wants.*

C. Finding real meaning in our life must be outside of ourselves.

### Conclusion

*Galatians 5:6b*

*What is important is faith expressing itself in love.*