

Ecclesiastes 1:2

*"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,
"Vanity of vanities! All is vanity."*

The Hebrew word translated "vanity" means _____ or _____.

The Hebrew word translated "work" is not _____ work, but _____
_____ work.

The Hebrew word translated "advantage" can mean _____ or _____.

Ecclesiastes 1:4

*A generation goes and a generation comes,
But the earth remains forever.*

Ecclesiastes 1:5

*Also, the sun rises and the sun sets;
And hastening to its place it rises there again.*

Ecclesiastes 1:6

*Blowing toward the south,
Then turning toward the north,
The wind continues swirling along;
And on its circular courses the wind returns.*

Ecclesiastes 1:7

*All the rivers flow into the sea,
Yet the sea is not full.
To the place where the rivers flow,
There they flow again.*

The 4 "nature" verses (v.4–v.7) do not say everything remains _____.

They say everything remains _____.

Solomon says, "Vanity," when he sees:

Man does not know how to _____ on to anything forever.

Man does not know how everything _____ in the world.

When Solomon says, "Vanity," he means _____, or _____
_____.

Lessons from Ecclesiastes 1:1–11

1. Do not waste time trying to _____ life.

2. Learn to live within the _____ to _____ of our lives.

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(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)

1. What does the Preacher mean by “All is vanity”? What is the meaning of “vanity”? What is “all”?
2. What do “work” and “advantage” mean to you in v.3?
3. What is the Preacher’s point in the “nature” verses in v.4–v.7? Please be specific.
4. What is it that is not new, but has existed for ages?
5. What are the top three things you would like to change in your life? What are the top three things you would like to remain the same in your life?
6. Finally, what is the Big Idea?

