

1. Chapter one ended with Solomon seeking after (worldly) wisdom and concluding that it was vanity. He continues his pursuit of what was “good for man to do under heaven.” What does he pursue according to verses 1-11 (see especially verses 1-2, 9-10)?
  - a) Incidentally... According to 2:9, what happened to his wisdom?
  
2. What is joined with mirth (KJV) or pleasure in verse 2 and how did Solomon describe it?
  
3. From what did Solomon seek to derive pleasure according to verses 4-11? (general answer)
  - a) Thinking of verse 10, be prepared to explain the connection between pleasure and possessions and accomplishments:
  
  - b) What did he *build*? (v. 4)
  
  - c) What did he *make*? (4-6)
  
  - d) What did he *acquire*? (v. 7)
  
  - e) How extensive were his flocks and herds? (v. 7)
  
  - f) What did he *collect* and *accumulate* according to verse 8a?
  
  - g) What did he acquire according to 8b?

## Questions On Ecclesiastes Chapter 2

4. According to verse 11 what was the end result of focusing one's life on physical pleasure and entertainment?
5. Verses 12-16 elaborate on wisdom and folly. On the one hand, wisdom excels folly *in what specific way?* (verses 13-14a)
6. On the other hand, in what way or in what area is wisdom *no better than folly?* (verses 14b-16)
7. How did Solomon describe the reality that the wise man meets the same fate as the foolish man? (v. 17)
8. What else is "vanity" according to verses 18 and 19?
  - a) What qualities might one acquire and yet the fruits of his labor be left to someone who has not labored? (v. 21)
  - b) According to verse 23, how much effort has he invested in his work in vain?
9. Verses 24 and 26 address the balance. According to verse 24, what should one do in order to justify and balance his labor?
  - a) What must he do to justify his labor according to verse 26?