

# The End of the Matter

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Outline and Food for Thought

Week of June 28, 2015

Everything is Temporary

James 4:13-15

Everything is Unsatisfactory

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Now What?

Fear God

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Proverbs 1:7

Keep His Commandments

John 15:9-11

Be Ready!

Matthew 24:42-44

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## Food For Thought

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(Questions and Scriptures for Further Study)

### GETTING STARTED

1. If someone asked you what the two most interesting ideas of the "Wise Living" series were, what would you tell them?
  
2. What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think about the book of Proverbs? Why?

## BIBLE STUDY

3. The author of Ecclesiastes (possibly Solomon), wrote that life is meaningless. Everything he searched for and desired led to, well, nothing. His conclusion to all his findings was to fear God and keep His commandments. That is where we will find the purpose and meaning of life. Read through the following passages for more direction:

Exodus 20:20

1 Samuel 12:24

Job 23:13-16

Deuteronomy 4:2-4

Job 37:24

4. Does obeying God bring ultimate meaning and purpose to your life? Why or why not?
5. Read 1 John 5:1-5. Does our obedience to God change in light of what Jesus accomplished on the cross?

## DIGGING DEEPER

6. What are some things you used to find very important but now, not so much?

What happened to change your perspective?

7. What are three things in your life that bring you the most meaning?

## TAKING IT HOME

8. God created life to be lived fully. Yet we so often settle for empty. Today may be the day we begin to follow His commands to experience that full life. Ask yourself: In my heart of hearts, am I living a full life or am I empty inside?

Memorization Verse: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:9-11

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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