

# **Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26**

Can we really make a lasting difference in this life?

Claim #1: God has frustrated this life (1:12-15)

Claim #2: Even wisdom can't bring ultimate gain (1:16-18)

Evidence for Claim #1 (2:1-11)

Evidence for Claim #2 (2:12-21)

Positive message: Life's about gifts more than gain (2:22-26)

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*In what ways are you tempted to “try and build heaven here”, and how does this passage show the futility of living that way?*

*What do you make of the teaching that “life's about gifts more than gain”, and what might it look like practically to take it on board?*