

Message Title: Grasping for the Wind

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 NKJV |Sunday AM, September 19th,2021 Pastor Jack Lamb

12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind. 15 What is crooked cannot be made straight, And what is lacking cannot be numbered. 16 I communed with my heart, saying, "Look, I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Jerusalem. My heart has understood great wisdom and knowledge." 17 And I set my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is grasping for the wind. 18 For in much wisdom is much grief, And he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

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Introduction

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3. What We	To Do
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Sermon Application Questions

- 1. What situations do you find most frustrating in life?
- 2. Discuss the following statement: "Our frustrations reveal our hearts."
- 3. What truths would you use to comfort another Christian who is experiencing a perplexing trial?
- 4. How does this passage help us understand the burden of unbelievers in this life? How does it help us to evangelize?
- 5. Is it possible to be wise and not increase our sorrows? If so, how?

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?