

what's the point?



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Why Hard Work Might Be Ruining Your Life
Ecclesiastes 4:1-8

What's the Point?

The pursuit of _____ often costs us
_____.

Three Traps

1. More _____ (v. 1-3)

Ask: Where am I using power _____
instead of for _____?

2. More _____ (v. 4-6)

Ask: Who am I trying to _____?

3. More _____ (v. 7-8)

Ask: Where am I using power _____
instead of for _____?

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Discussion Questions

1. In verses 1-3, what emotions do you hear in the Solomon's voice, and what does the repeated phrase "no one to comfort them" reveal about the problem of power?
2. According to verse 4, what motivates much of human achievement? How does envy shape the way people work and compete?
3. In verses 7-8, what makes the wealthy man's situation tragic? What question does he never seem to stop and ask himself?
4. Where are you most tempted to pursue "more" right now - power, image, or money? Why that area?
5. What might the pursuit of "more" be quietly costing you (peace, relationships, integrity, joy, etc.)?
6. What would "one handful with quietness" (v. 6) look like in your life this week?