

Filling the Hole in Your Heart

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Ecclesiastes 1:13.

B. Solomon sought wisdom and knowledge to fill the hole in his heart, but this did not satisfy him.

II. Many things will not fill a man's heart.

A. Grades will not fill the hole in one's heart.

B. Pleasure will not fill the hole in one's heart.

C. Wealth will not fill the hole in one's heart.

D. Fame will not fill the hole in one's heart.

E. Activity will not fill the hole in one's heart.

F. If there is something a person desires, he ought to pray for it, but this does not mean that the answered prayer will make life smooth. (Matthew 26:30, Matthew 7)

III. Earthly things will not satisfy a man because God has set eternity in his heart. God Himself can only satisfy man. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

IV. If the person sets his heart on God when he is young, he will have a tremendous life ahead of him. (Ecclesiastes 11:9-10, II Peter 3:18)

A. There is tremendous opportunity to be used by God for others.

B. One should not allow his youth to be a hindrance. (I Timothy 4:12)

Application questions:

1. What earthly things have you tried to use to fill the void in your heart? What did you learn?

2. Why is it that earthly things do not provide ultimate fulfillment?

3. How can you use your life this week to make a special impact for God? Explain.
