

Worth it!
(Living whole-hearted lives)

Week 3: One Li(f)e to live

Luke 12:13-21

A person is paragliding over a valley at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The valley below is a mix of green fields and dark trees, with rolling hills in the distance. The paraglider's colorful canopy is visible in the upper left, and the person is silhouetted against the bright sky.

***THERE IS NO
PASSION TO BE
FOUND PLAYING
SMALL—IN SETTling
FOR A LIFE THAT
IS LESS THAN THE
ONE YOU ARE
CAPABLE OF LIVING.***

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**I WOULD
RATHER
DIE
OF PASSION
THAN OF
BOREDOM.**

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"The surroundings here are beginning to weigh me down more than I can say... I need some air, I feel overwhelmed by boredom and grief."

Vincent Van Gogh

God wants to save us from living a half-hearted lives.

First week:

Sin and idolatry makes us slaves to falsehood.

We are whole-hearted when we are whole-hearted to
God.

God wants to save us from living a half-hearted lives.

Second week:
Getting out of the drudgery of obligation.

Do it out of love for God.
Do it like your doing it for God.

Today: What really gives us or keeps our passion?
What keeps us saying “this is worth it?”

Ecclesiastes 2:22, “What does a man get from his
labor and striving of heart with which he toils
beneath the sun?”

The back of the toilet door



Luke 12:13-21



"GREED IS GOOD."
— Gordon Gekko

Luke 12:18-19, “And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."”

Luke 12:20, “But God said to him, 'Fool!”

Luke 12:15, “And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness

pleonexia: eager for personal gain
- holding or desiring more

for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

What does “One’s life consist of?”

What do you “Say to your soul?”

“have this, do that, gain that, experience that,
learn this, enjoy these...”

What do you tell yourself life is about?

Solomon's search: Wisdom? Knowledge?

Ecclesiastes 1:17-18, “And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind. For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.”

Solomon's search: Fun? Pleasure? Experiences?

Ecclesiastes 2:1-2, "I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?"

Solomon's Search: Achievements? Buildings? Gardens?

Ecclesiastes 2:4-5, "I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees."

Solomon's Search: Money? Entertainment? Sex?

Ecclesiastes 2:8, "I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man."

Solomon's Search: Nothing! Nada! Rien! Zip!

Ecclesiastes 2:11, "Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun."

“I couldn't find anything worth it.”



What is the cure for lost passion?

What can I do, get, have that will fulfill me?

What can I “say to my soul that’s not a lie?”

Internet advice:

Put Passion Back Into Your Life By Doing These 2 Things
By Lori Osterberg, Huffington Post

Choice #1: Choose to be more positive

Choice #2: Be self-responsible about your choices

FOLLOW
YOUR
PASSION



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Ecclesiastes 5:7, “For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.”

“He who loves... will not be satisfied with ...”

The Mystery Solved: God does it

Ecclesiastes 5:19-20, “Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and *power to enjoy them*, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—*this is the gift of God*. For he will not much remember the days of his life because *God keeps him occupied* with joy in his heart.”

Question: Imagine if all of this ministry existed only to
make me feel content?

Question: Imagine if the people, projects, things in your
world existed only to make you feel content?

John 4:31-34, “Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.”

John 4:35-36, “Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.”

You have a purpose-
God made you for a reason-
For Him.

The “food” your soul gets is not from the work
- God gives the satisfaction