

Life before death: Pleasure

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

The control of the sensual in our lives

Ecclesiastes 1:10; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 1 Kings 4:22-23

Inadequacy of the sensual pleasures

Song of Solomon 6:5-10; Colossians 3:1-4

Considerations for the week

What are the things that bring you the most pleasure in life? If you had unlimited resources with no accountability to anyone, what would you do?

The strongest man (Sampson), and the wisest man (Solomon) both struggled in the same pleasure. Look at 1 Kings 11:1-6 and recall the events of Judges 16. Why did they give in to their desires?

Describe circumstances in which amusement and entertainment can be right or wrong.

Pleasure of the individual seems foremost and pervasive in our society. How can we, as Christians, avoid being affected by this societal norm . . . how can we avoid prioritizing pleasure in an inappropriate manner?

Consider how we approach life on a daily basis. How might we be communicating that life is all about pleasure?

How many possessions are enough?

As this scripture was presented today, what resonated within you? Consider sharing this with someone.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



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. Ecclesiastes 2:11, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

Psalm 34:15-22

John 3:16-21

Matthew 6:19-21

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn 345, *Blessed Assurance*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Trading My Sorrows*

Hymn, *House of the Lord*

Hymn, *Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus*

Offertory

Reading

Hymn, *Build Your Kingdom Here*

Message

Hymn of response

Benediction

Postlude

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: pulled pork, rice, veggies, Asian salad, banana pudding

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells
Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am.
Meets next week, September 20.

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Ladies' Bible Study will study Revelation, using a study guide by Jen Wilkins. There are duplicate sessions on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings, beginning September 16 @ 10 am and September 18 @ 7pm.

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