

Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things,
And revive me in Your way.

Psalm 119:37 (New King James Version)

Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 1:2 (King James Version)

Solomon, the King of Israel and the author of Ecclesiastes, was the richest man in the world during his time. He walked with God in his youth and God blessed him beyond compare. But the lavish world that Solomon lived in began to eat Away at his heart. He became obsessed with wealth and fine things. His heart grew hard toward the Lord. He turned his eyes away from the one who had blessed him, and turned them toward his material possessions and the things of the world. In his old age Solomon did return to the LORD, but it was after much heartache and pain.

It is not hard to be like Solomon in our world today. Everywhere we look we see wealth and glamour. We are told that things will fulfill us, more is better, and self always comes first. Need and want have become synonymous.

So the question is where does contentment lie? Can it be found in the possessions of this world? Can “things” really make us happy? The answer of course is no. Contentment can only come from having a fulfilled heart, and a fulfilled heart can only come from having a real relationship with Christ. Christ completes. He fills all the voids in our life so much better than any material possession ever could. He never grows ragged, frayed, or out of style. He never breaks or needs to be replaced. He is the satisfier of all of our desires. There is no need for more with Christ. He is enough, and He makes us enough. Just as Solomon found contentment again when he returned to the LORD, so also can we find contentment in God’s everlasting love.

Pray that God will turn your eyes and the eyes of our society away from the vain things of this world. Pray that you will be content with what God has richly blessed you with, even when the world says that you and what you have are not enough.