

Sermon Notes: “Toil” Ecclesiastes 2:18–26

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- I. The Legacy of Toil — vv. 18–22
 - A. Toil can refer to adversity or life struggle, however here, it’s more daily responsibilities
 - B. Fruit of your labour may go to undeserving or reckless descendants
 - C. Whether wise or foolish, fruits of your labour will be consumed and may be unappreciated

- II. The Weariness of Toil — vv. 23–24
 - A. No benefit from constant effort — v. 23
 - B. Stress and sleepless nights — v. 23
 - C. The height of fulfillment ends with toil — v. 24

III. The Blessing of Toil — vv. 24b–26

- A. Teaching turns to the Lord — v. 24b
- B. Effort does not earn salvation (Eph. 2:8–10)
- C. Leads to humility, thankfulness, servanthood
- D. Matthew 20:26–28
- E. Colossians 3:23–24
- F. Gives us courage to be faithful in suffering and in difficult circumstances
- G. Allows us to handle greater adversity

IV. Summary

Fulfillment for our toil is not based on what we achieve or attain, but on whom we serve and trust.