

## Eccl 2:3-4

*After much thought, I decided to cheer myself with wine. While still seeking wisdom, I clutched at foolishness. In this way, I hoped to experience the only happiness most people find during their brief life in this world.  
I also tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards.*

The world seeks happiness in so many ways, like alcohol or drugs or materialistic things like homes and cars. Some will seek happiness by trying to be someone great.

Do you know who wrote today's devotional verses? King Solomon, remember him? He was the wisest man in the world. But even with all this wisdom, he lost his happiness or joy in life. Why or how? By going after the things of this world and worshipping them and not God. You see, Solomon was wise, but he still had over 300 hundred wives and over 1,000 concubines. These women turned Solomon away from the Lord and this same Solomon who built the Lord's temple, also built temples for these women's pagan gods. The result was that Solomon sort of went crazy and lost everything. So here he is at a low point in his life trying to find happiness, but with all of his wisdom, he forgot that his joy came from the Lord and serving Him.

What about you? Have you hit a low point in your life? Have you forgotten the joys of serving the Lord like you used to?

I pray that this short devotional will remind you of when you once had joy and from Who it came from. I also pray that you will return to the One who gave you that joy and stop trying to seek it in the world.

Once you know this, you will be wiser than Solomon.

But then even a child knows that they're happiest when they spend time with their father and mother.

Spending time with the Father = Joy!

† **Jeremiah 29:12-13** *Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*