

**The search for soul satisfaction****Review**

1. To be challenged not to take for granted the blessings of God
2. To include God in all aspects of our lives
3. To be warned that if we exclude God in our lives, He will chastise us.
4. To be satisfied with the great goodness and blessings of the Lord

**The consciousness of the soul**

1. The focus of life on this earth
2. The labour of man  
"All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the soul is not satisfied." Eccl 6:7
3. The consciousness of the soul

**Walking before the living**

"For what more has the wise man than the fool? What does the poor man have, who knows how to walk before the living?" Eccl 6:8

1. The wise man
2. The fool
3. Death as the leveller of man
4. Wisdom is the key consideration

**Choosing to be satisfied with what we have**

"Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire." Eccl 6:9

1. The sight of the eyes
2. The wandering of desire
3. A prevailing problem
  - a) Solomon had addressed this a few times already.
    - i) Eccl 1:8
    - ii) Eccl 4:8

iii) Eccl 5:10

iv) Eccl 6:3

b) It is vanity

“This also is vanity and grasping for the wind” Eccl 6:9

### **The Lord's teaching on covetousness**

“Then one from the crowd said to Him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But He said to him, ‘Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?’ And He said to them, ‘Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.’” Luke 12:13-15

1. A brother's dissatisfaction
2. The Lord did not want to get involved in this family dispute
3. Warning concerning the problem of covetousness
  - a) Take heed
  - b) Beware
  - c) What is life?

### **The challenge to be content**

1. The example of Paul

"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." Phil 4:11-12

- a) Learn
  - b) Content
  - c) Know
2. The challenge to be content

### **Lessons to be learned**

1. To learn contentment
2. Appreciation of what we have
3. To avoid being covetous of the things we don't have