

**What gives your life  
meaning?**

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*Ecclesiastes*

# Ecclesiastes 1:1–15

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*Scripture Reading*

# The main point *of Ecclesiastes 1*

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My life won't make a big difference.  
“Making a difference in the world”  
or “leaving a legacy” isn't what gives  
life meaning.

Ecclesiastes 1:1–15  
Ecclesiastes 12:8–14

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*Scripture Reading*

# The main point *of Ecclesiastes 12*

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Life is not about making a difference.  
It's about *God*. What gives life meaning  
is *not* how much difference you make.  
It's about living for God. Searching for  
life's significance outside a relationship  
with God is pointless.

# *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

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Only Jesus can reconcile you with God.

Only Jesus can empower you to obey.

Only Jesus can make you ready for judgment.

Only Jesus's work can change the world.

“The only thing that gives life significance  
and the only thing that gives us joy as we work  
is that we’re doing it for the Lord.  
It’s not that *what* we’re doing is so significant;  
it’s *who* we’re doing it for  
that makes life so significant.”