Ecclesiastes 1:1-3
1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: 2 "Meaningless!
Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." 3 What
does man gain from all his labor at which he toils under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 1: 8-10
8 All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor
the ear its fill of hearing. 9 What has been will be again, what has been done will be done
again; there is nothing new under the sun. 10 Is there anything of which one can say,
"Look! This is something new"? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time.

Ecclesiastes 1: 12-14
12 I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 I devoted myself to study and to
explore by wisdom all that is done under heaven. What a heavy burden God has laid on
men! 14 I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless,
a chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 1: 17-18
17 Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness and folly,
but I learned that this, too, is a chasing after the wind. 18 For with much wisdom comes
much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
1 I thought in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good."
But that also proved to be meaningless. 2 "Laughter," I said, "is foolish. And what does
pleasure accomplish?" 3 I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—my mind
still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was worthwhile for men to do under
heaven during the few days of their lives. 4 I undertook great projects: I built houses for
myself and planted vineyards. 5 I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit
trees in them. 6 I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees. 7 I bought male and
female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house. I also owned more herds
and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me. 8 I amassed silver and gold for myself,
and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired men and women singers, and a harem
as well—the delights of the heart of man. 9 I became greater by far than anyone in
Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me. 10 I denied myself nothing my
eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this
was the reward for all my labor. 11 Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and
what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing
was gained under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2: 17
17 So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it
is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Matthew 16:25
For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

Matthew 6:31-33
31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we
wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that
you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things
will be given to you as well.

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