CHASING NOTHING.

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Ecclesiastes 1

² "Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless!"

¹¹ But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless - *like chasing the wind*. There was <u>nothing really worthwhile anywhere</u>.

Problem.

We spend our whole life CHASING NOTHING.

"Nobody means to waste their life . . . they do it ONE DAY at a time."

Ecclesiastes 11

⁹ Young people, it's wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. *Do everything you want to do*; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do.

Q: What's Your Thing?

Answer.

Do YOUR thing and see what GOD does!

"Worship is doing the BEST you can do at WHATEVER you do for God's GLORY."

1. Do YOUR thing.

Romans 12

6 God has given <u>each of us</u> the ability to do certain things well.

2. Do it WELL.

Ecclesiastes 9

10 Whatever you do, do it well.

3. Do it NOW.

Ecclesiastes 12

- Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honor God in your youth before you grow old and say, "Life is not pleasant anymore."
- ² Remember God *before* the light goes dim . . .
- Remember God *before* your legs tremble . . .

 Remember God *before* your shoulders stoop . . .

 Remember God *before* your teeth stop grinding . . .
- 4 Remember God before the door to life's opportunity is closed and your work starts to fade . . .
- Remember God before you start to stumble . . .

 Remember God before your hair turns white . . .

 Remember God before you lose your energy . . .

 Remember God before your sexual desires go away . . .

 Remember God before your funeral.

4. See what GOD does.

Ecclesiastes 12

13 That's the whole story. Here's my final conclusion:
<u>Fear God and obey his commands</u>, for this is everyone's duty. ¹⁴ God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

Q: What do you need to STOP chasing?

Q: What do you need to START chasing?