

All My Life's A Circle

(part 2)



Ecclesiastes 2:4-11

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Searching for... meaning, purpose, contentment.



All my life's a circle;
Sunrise and sundown;
The moon rolls through the night time;
'Til the daybreak comes around.

All my life's a circle;
But I can't tell you why;
The season's spinning round again;
The years keep rollin' by.

Ecclesiastes 2:4-11 (NLT)

- ⁴ I also tried to find **meaning** by building huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards.
- ⁵ I made gardens and parks, filling them with all kinds of fruit trees.
- ⁶ I built reservoirs to collect the water to irrigate my many flourishing groves.
- ⁷ I bought slaves, both men and women, and others were born into my household.
- I also owned large herds and flocks, more than any of the kings who had lived in Jerusalem before me.

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Highest level of discontentment

- ⁸ I collected great sums of silver and gold, the treasure of many kings and provinces. I hired wonderful singers, both men and women, and had many beautiful concubines. *I had everything a man could desire!*
- ⁹ So I became greater than all who had lived in Jerusalem before me, and my wisdom never failed me.
- ¹⁰ Anything I wanted, I would take. *I denied myself no pleasure.* I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labours.
- 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 nothing really worthwhile anywhere.

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- **1 Timothy 6:6-7 (NIV)**
- But godliness with contentment is great gain.
- For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

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Ecclesiastes 1:2& 8

- “Everything is meaningless,” says the Teacher, “completely meaningless!”
- Everything is wearisome beyond description.
- No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied.
- No matter how much we hear, we are never content

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Solomon

- **Fame**
- **Wealth**
- **Freedom**
- **Wisdom**
- **All the pleasures**
(that money can buy)
- **Luxurious lifestyle**

Paul

- **Persecuted**
- **Poor**
- **Imprisoned**
- **Wisdom**
- **Hardships**
- **Sufferings**

Discontented

Solomon

Contented

Paul

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says the Teacher,
“Complete Meaningless”

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with contentment
is great gain

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It seems like I've been here before;
I can't remember when;
But I have this funny feeling;
That I'll be this way once again.



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Contentment v **Discontentment**

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1 Timothy 6:6-7 (GW)

A godly life brings huge profits to people
who are content with what they have

to be continued...

