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**11am Bible Study:** Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, M.T.S.

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**Topic:** Avoid Wind-grasping Vain Pursuits  
**Theme:** Labor For What Will Last  
**Chapters:** Ecc. 4 - 6 **Mar. 8th, 2023**

**Central Text:** Ecclesiastes 6:9, NKJV, 9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

**Intro:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How do we Avoid Wind-grasping Vain Pursuits?**

**1.Chase Companionship More Than Money - Ecc 4:6-12, NKJV**

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**God, in 1 Sam 13:14 and Acts 13:22,** calls King David a man after His own heart, meaning he's a man that will do God's will. - Yet, David tragically engaged in intentional sin, and then repented, and suffered consequences. Did the fall out from King David's sin negatively impact Solomon's life? Perhaps.

**Solomon** - Solomon made his own decisions in spite of God's goodness and covenant agreement in his life.

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**In your own time read 2 Chronicles 9:13-28, in the NLT** - Instead of money, what he really needed was valuable and godly companionship.

**Question for Dialogue** - Our excuse for not fostering meaningful relationships that can bring us lasting joy and add value to our life is that we don't have time. Some people store up large amounts of wealth and accomplishments by constantly working, and don't have anyone, who they love and cherish, around them on a regular basis to share their wealth with. **What are some ways people can slow down, evaluate how companionship with God and people is of primary importance, and begin to align their lives with companionship as a priority over building wealth?**

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**2.Chase Genuine Life-change Instead Of Insincere Religious Practices - Ecc 5:1-6, NKJV**

- God is not pleased and takes no pleasure with those who **do all the right things** *for all the wrong reasons*.
- Let's look at **Isaiah 1:10-17, NKJV,** and **1 Samuel 15:22-23, NKJV**
- only ***Genuine life-transformation*** and ***authentic obedience pleases the LORD***

**Question for Dialogue:** There have been times we've planted our feet in the sand, and have taken stubborn positions on ungodly actions to our own detriment. After releasing our pride, asking for forgiveness, and repenting, **what are some obstacles that will try to stop us from staying on God's path of godly living?**

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**3.Chase Daily Gratitude And Enjoyment Of God's Goodness - Ecc 6:9, NKJV**

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**Question for Dialogue:** How deadly can comparing ourselves to others be, and why should we stop constantly looking into other people's lives, what they're doing and how they're living?