



“Production”

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The human heart takes _____ things
and turns them into _____ things.

Ecclesiastes 2:4-6,9,11,17: King Solomon had it all but there was a time when he took his eyes off the Lord and it led to _____
(emptiness, futility, and a wasted life.)

Two common pitfalls associated with the false god of production...

1. _____: “Look at what I’ve done”

- Solomon accomplished some amazing things in his lifetime. Is there anything wrong with that?
- **Exodus 20:3** “*have no other gods before Me.*”
 - o **An Idol** is _____ that replaces God’s rightful place as #1 in our lives.
 - o **The problem with idols** is that we try to fill our hearts/lives with other things than God.
- The temporary productivity and accolades of this world will never satisfy the _____. (*Psalm 107:9*)
- We should all take _____ in our work but not become _____ about our work. (Col. 3:23-24; Eph. 2:10)
- Example of King Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 4)
- The answer to pride is _____. Jam. 4:10

Application: *Are you worshipping your work or success instead of God?*

2. _____: “Look at who I am”

- Solomon was very popular (Eccl. 2:9)
- The whole world seems to be screaming the message – that you need to be popular. Multiple examples...
- Our identity and self-worth are often wrapped up in what we do and what we look like. Where should we find our identity and self-worth? _____.
- What is your identity?

Application: *Who or what is your god? Do you know Jesus personally? What is the foundation for your identity?*

Four Steps to Freedom:

1. Name Them.
2. _____ of Them.
3. Destroy Them.
4. _____ Them.
 - o (1) Renew your mind.
 - o (2) Have a daily God Time.
 - o (3) Change the channel.
 - o (4) Address the root cause.
 - o (5) Enlist some _____.

What was Solomon’s conclusion? (Eccl. 12:13-14)

Psalm 23:1 “*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.*”

We are all prone to take good things and make them the ultimate thing. But only God can shepherd our souls and fill us to overflow.

NEXT STEPS?