

## **Get Real Part 7 – Real People Don’t Feel Fulfilled**

The search for fulfillment goes back a long way, even to Bible times, and even to the richest, wisest man to ever live. This search for fulfillment is described in the book of Ecclesiastes.

Three Pathways to Fulfillment:

### **1. From Meaningless Vanity to a Meaningful Life’ - Ecclesiastes 1:2**

If you were to go through the book and look at everything that Solomon sought after here are some of the things he sought after and STILL didn’t find fulfillment in:

1. Human Toil and Labor (Ecclesiastes 1:3, 2:11, 2:18-23)
2. Wisdom and Knowledge (Ecclesiastes 1:16-18, 2:15-16)
3. Pleasure and Hedonism (Ecclesiastes 2:1-2, 2:10-11)
4. Achievements and Accomplishments (Ecclesiastes 2:4-11)
5. Possessions and Wealth (Ecclesiastes 5:10-11, 6:1-2)
6. Fame and Recognition (Ecclesiastes 4:13-16)
7. Life Itself (Ecclesiastes 6:12, 9:2-3)

It’s God who gives our life ultimate fulfillment. Jesus gives us an ABUNDANT LIFE, and gives us everything we need for meaning and true fulfillment.

### **2. From Success to Significance - Ecclesiastes 2:11**

We all want success, but don’t let success come at the cost of your significance.

True success, or better yet, significance is measured by WHO YOU ARE and is defined in TERMS OF FAITHFULNESS.

So what does a life of significance look like?

- Living out God’s purposes for your life
- Serving others
- Having life-giving relationships
- Making a positive impact
- Reflecting the life of Christ

### **3. From Comparison to Contentment - Ecclesiastes 4:4**

Constantly comparing ourselves to others, will cause us to live feeling unfulfilled.

- Contentment comes when we stop chasing the wrong things. - 1 Timothy 6:6-11
- Contentment is a learned attitude - Philippians 4:11-12
- Contentment chooses peace - Ecclesiastes 4:6

You will never be who you were born to be as long as you’re looking to become someone else.