

## **SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**

### **How to Thrive in a Dissatisfied Culture**

Engrained in every serious educator is a desire to improve. Our motivations are legitimate. We want what is best for our students. The Bible also says we are to do everything as if unto the Lord (Colossians 3:17). Settling for anything less is not acceptable. However, let's not confuse hard work with being satisfied. It's okay to pursue growth when it comes to our work as long as we don't think this type of success will guarantee a satisfied soul. The search for satisfaction is nothing new. When our souls are not satisfied, we go looking.

#### **Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-3.**

*What was Solomon seeking? What did he discover?*

#### **Read Ecclesiastes 2:4-8.**

*Make a list of what Solomon did in his pursuit of meaning and satisfaction.*

#### **Read Ecclesiastes 2:9-11.**

*What did Solomon accomplish as a result of his efforts?*

*What did he conclude (v. 11)?*

None of us have the means to pursue satisfaction like Solomon did, but we are all pursuing something. Where are you seeking satisfaction in your life? God created us in His image to be in relationship with Him.

#### **Read Matthew 5:6.**

*What is Jesus saying we must do to be satisfied? How does this change your view of true satisfaction?*

*O, Lord, thank you for being my Creator and for creating me for intimacy with you. Protect me, Lord, from the culture's draw toward dissatisfaction. Remind me that in Jesus, there is true freedom from this world. Satisfy my heart with your love, joy, and peace. My hope is in you. In Jesus name, amen.*