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“Heavenly Wisdom for Navigating Life’s Perplexities”

Ecclesiastes 3:9–15

"How often have we gotten what we wanted, only to realize it was a projection of an idea we thought we wanted; that instead of fulfilling us, it ate a hole in our stomach every night? In short, most of the time we don't know what we want. . . . 99 times out of 100, our dreams are false prophets whose heresies indicate the need for something external to take over and give us real life. . . . The Good News is that we are not bound to a selfhood that is only complete when the boxes are all ticked—God already knows that, in our weakness, our lists will not only never be completed, they don't even have the right things on them in the first place. He knows our weaknesses, and because He loves us, He takes our lists from us"

~ Ethan Richardson

As we navigate life’s perplexities, we must _____ in our faithful Savior who made us his own and gives meaning to our lives.

1. What’s the point of _____? (vv. 9–11a).

Answer: To _____ God, _____ my gifts, _____ people, and _____ the common good.

Two ways to go wrong: 1) Triumphalistic _____;
2) Pessimistic _____.

Solution: _____.

“Life is gift, not gain” ~ David Gibson

2. Why can’t I get _____ to all my _____? (v. 11b).

Answer: By _____ design.

3. _____ do I go from here? (vv. 12–15).