

Fire in the Belly

Session 17: The Corruption of Entertainment

Ecclesiastes 2:1-3

I thought in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good.” But that also proved to be meaningless. “Laughter,” I said, “is foolish. And what does it accomplish?” I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly – my mind still guiding me with wisdom. I wanted to see what was worthwhile for men to do under heaven during the few days of their lives.

I. Settling for a cheap thrill

- Excitement without risk
- Excitement without courage
- Excitement without meaning

II. Settling for vicarious living

- Living through another’s experience
- Living through another’s accomplishment

III. Restoring the passion for adventure

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- Acknowledge your purpose
- Find your opportunity

Discussion Questions

1. Where would you place yourself on the following two "scales" and why?

play it safe

risk taker

entertainment

adventure

2. What are the "up-side" and "down-side" of where you placed yourself on the scales? What role, if any, does faith play in your experience of each?
3. What would you identify as the most "spiritually adventurous" thing you have ever done?

