

# Ambition

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

The Meaning of Life (2/4)

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1. **Sat am: Introduction** to Ecclesiastes
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(ch2,5)
3. **Sun am:** What is **Wisdom?** (ch1)
4. **Sun pm:** What is the **Fate** of mankind? (ch9)
5. **Mon am:** What is the meaning of **Life?** (ch12)

**What are my  
goals in life?**

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But behold, this also was vanity.

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and of pleasure, "What use is it?"

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喜樂試試你，  
你好享福！誰知，這也是虛空。

2 我指嬉笑說：這是狂妄。

3 I searched with my heart  
how to cheer my body with wine  
– my heart still guiding me with wisdom –  
and how to lay hold on folly,  
till I might see what was good for the children  
of man  
to do under heaven during the few days of their  
life.

我心裡察究，如何用酒使我肉體舒  
暢，

4 I made great works.

I built houses and planted vineyards for myself.

5 I made myself gardens and parks,  
and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees.

6 I made myself pools from which to water  
the forest of growing trees.

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樹：

7 I bought male and female slaves,  
and had slaves who were born in my house.

I had also great possessions of herds and flocks,  
more than any who had been before me in  
Jerusalem.

我買了僕婢，也有生在家中的僕婢

；

又有許多牛群羊群，

勝過以前在耶路撒冷眾人所有的。

8 I also gathered for myself silver and gold  
and the treasure of kings and provinces.

I got singers, both men and women,  
and many concubines, the delight of the sons of  
man.

我又爲自己積蓄金銀和君王的財寶

，

並各省的財寶；

又得唱歌的男女和世人所喜愛的物



9 So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem.

Also my wisdom remained with me.

這樣，我就日見昌盛，  
勝過以前在耶路撒冷的眾人。  
我的智慧仍然存留。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 2:9 (ESV/CUV) (p.6/8)

10 And whatever my eyes desired  
I did not keep from them.

I kept my heart from no pleasure,  
for my heart found pleasure in all my toil,  
and this was my reward for all my toil.

凡我眼所求的，我沒有留下不給他的；

我心所樂的，我沒有禁止不享受的；

因我的心為我一切所勞碌的快樂

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and the toil I had expended in doing it,  
and behold, all was vanity and a striving after  
wind,  
and there was nothing to be gained under the  
sun.


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Ecclesiastes 傳道書 2:1 (ESV/CUV) (p.1/2)


Kelsey Chance

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我指嬉笑說：這是狂妄。  
論喜樂說：有何功效呢？

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 2:2 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)

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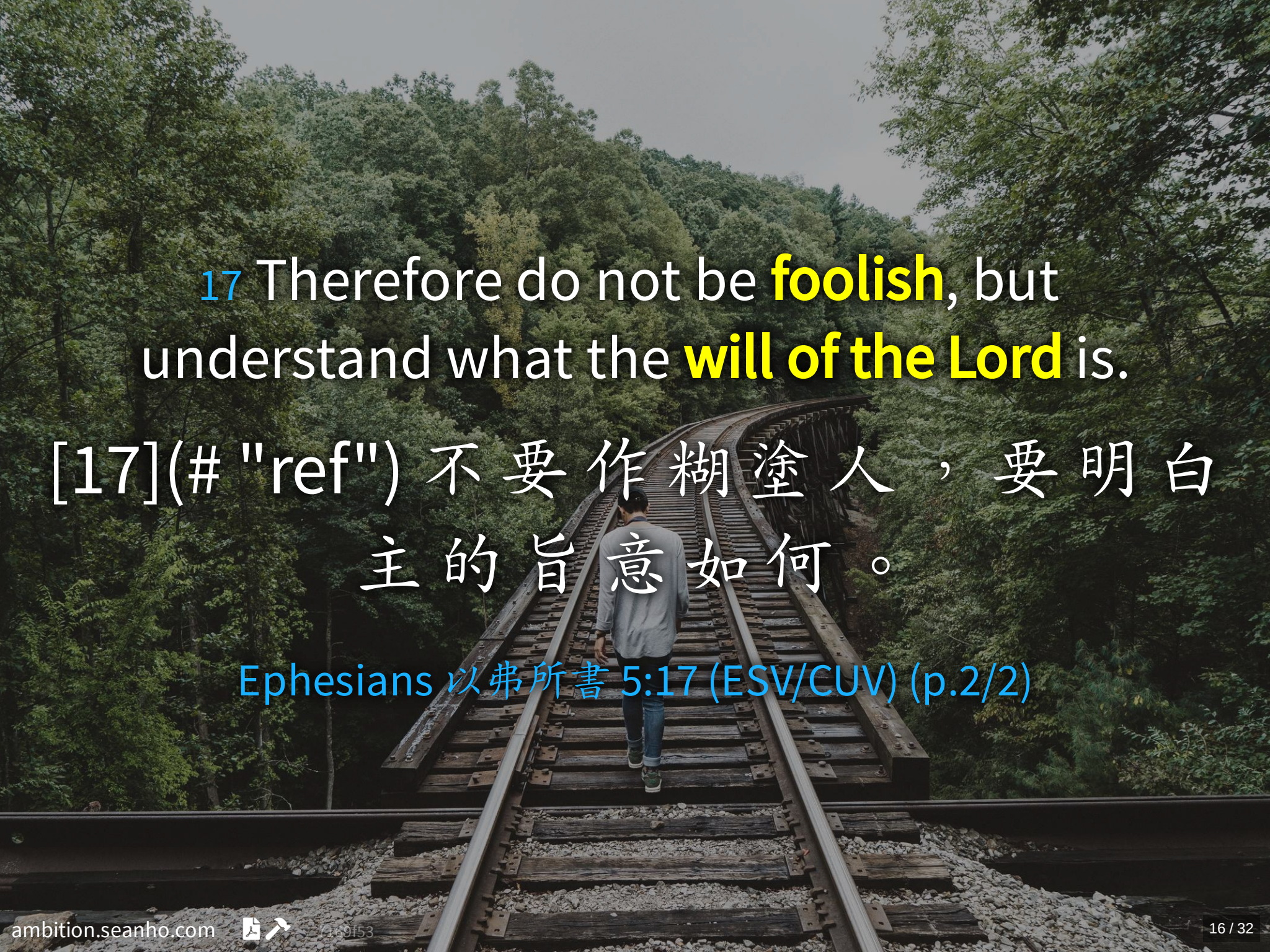
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Look carefully then how you **walk**,  
not as unwise but as **wise**,  
**16** making the best use of the **time**,  
because the **days** are evil.

你們要謹慎行事，

不要像愚昧人，當像智慧人。

**16** 要愛惜光陰，因為現今的世代邪惡。

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17 Therefore do not be **foolish**, but understand what the **will of the Lord** is.

[17](# "ref") 不要作糊塗人，要明白主的旨意如何。

Ephesians 以弗所書 5:17 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)



Is it wrong to  
pursue **happiness**?

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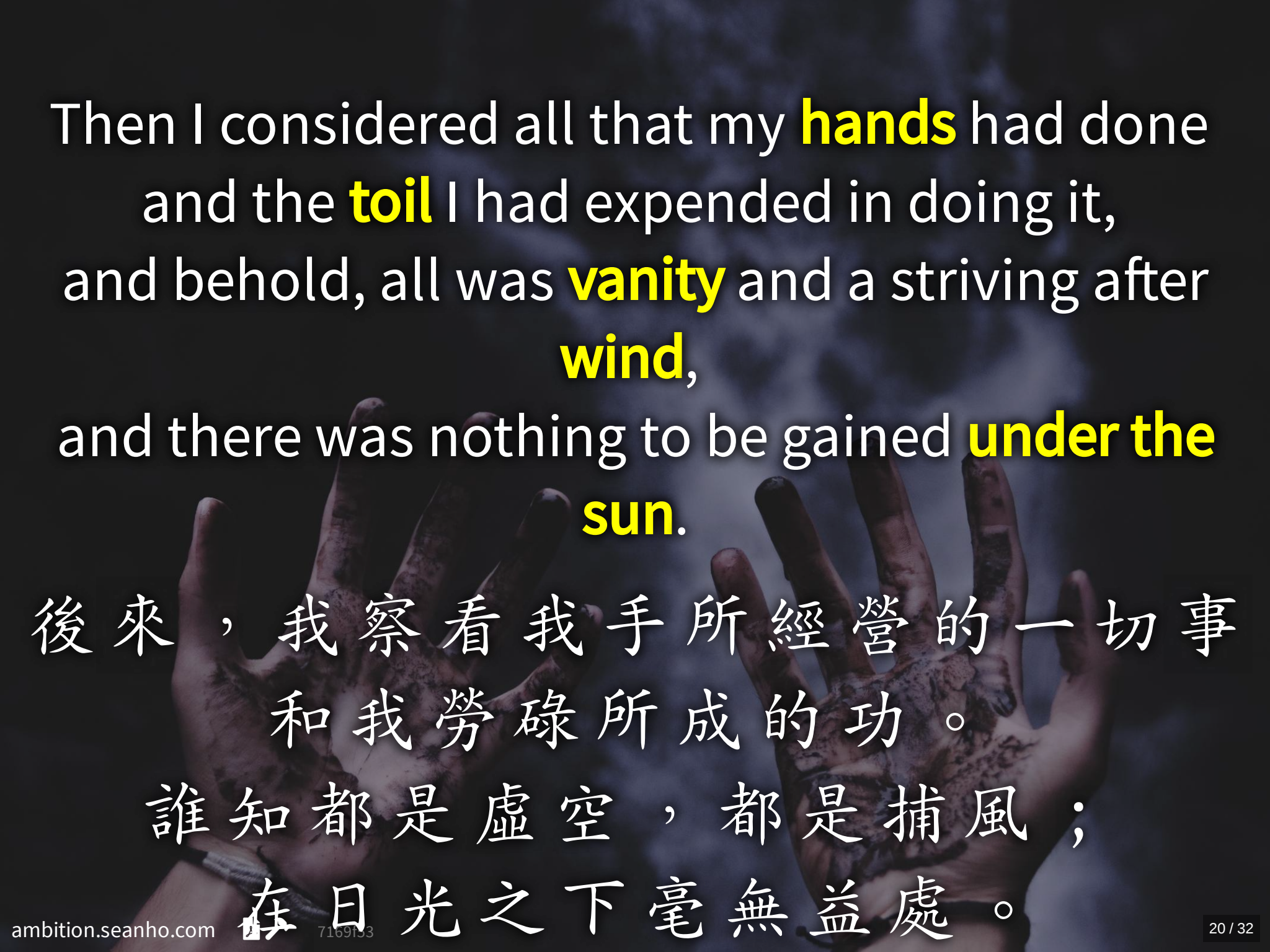
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我的心為我一切所勞碌的快樂，  
這就是我從勞碌中所得的分。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 2:10 (ESV/CUV)

19 Everyone also to whom God has given **wealth** and possessions and power to **enjoy** them, and to **accept** his lot and **rejoice** in his toil – this is the **gift** of God.

[19](# "ref") 神賜人資財豐富，使他能以吃用，能取自己的分，在他勞碌中喜樂，這乃是神的恩賜。

20 For he will not much **remember**  
the days of his life because  
God keeps him **occupied** with joy in his heart.

[20](# "ref") 他不多思念自己一生的  
年日，

因為神應他的心使他喜樂。

Ecclesiastes 傳道書 5:20 (ESV/CUV) (p.2/2)

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Well done, **good** and **faithful** servant.

You have been faithful over a **little**;

I will set you over **much**.

Enter into the **joy** of your master!

好，你這又良善又忠心的僕人，  
你在不多的事上有忠心，  
我要把許多事派你管理；  
可以進來享受你主人的快樂。

Matthew 馬太福音 25:21 (ESV/CUV)



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尹工的財寶

Take care, and be on your **guard**  
against all **covetousness**,  
for one's **life** does not consist in  
the abundance of his **possessions**.

你們要謹慎自守，免去一切的貪心

，  
因為人的生命不在乎家道豐富。

Luke 路加福音 12:15 (ESV/CUV)

17 As for the **rich** in this present age,  
charge them not to be **haughty**, nor to  
set their **hopes** on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on **God**, who richly **provides** us  
with everything to **enjoy**.

[17](# "ref") 你要囑咐那些今世富足  
的人，  
不要自高，也不要倚靠無定的錢財  
；

18 They are to do **good**, to be rich in good **works**,  
to be **generous** and ready to **share**,

19 thus storing up **treasure** for themselves  
as a good foundation for the **future**,  
so that they make take hold of that which is  
**truly** life.

[18](# "ref") 又要囑咐他們行善，在  
好事上富足，  
甘心施捨，樂意供給人，

What gives me  
**security?**

1. What are my **goals** in life?
2. Is it wrong to pursue **happiness**? (Eph5:15-17)
3. Have I had the **satisfaction** of a “job well done”? (Mt25:21)
4. What gives me **security**?  
(1Tim6:17-19)