

A woman's profile is visible on the left side of the frame, looking upwards. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm, golden light filtering through scattered, soft clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

# ECCLESIASTES

*Making Sense Out of Life*

# **Two tests in Solomon's search for satisfaction in life ...**

- 1. Pursuing Pleasure**
- 2. Leveraging Life**

***The Struggle for  
Significance***

**Ecclesiastes 2:12-26**

# Principle #1

**Wisdom is superior to foolishness, but even a wise person can't control life.**

# Proverbs 10:1

**“A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.”**

**“Everybody has got to die,  
but I have always believed  
an exception would be  
made in my case.”**

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## Principle #2

**Hard work is commendable,  
but in the end it gains nothing  
of permanence.**



## Principle #3

**The blessings of life are not entitlements we earn; they are gifts from God.**

# 1 Timothy 6:17

**“Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;”**

## Principle #3

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## Principle #4

**Life is meant to be enjoyed, not mastered.**