
I Can't Get No Satisfaction

Reflections From the Top

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There is nothing more intriguing than the subject of contentment or satisfaction with one's station in life. In a recent article about one of the fastest growing areas of California, where the median income is 80% greater than that of the country as a whole, four out of ten people believe that more money would solve the problems they face in life. Despite the prosperity, happiness is not to be found. To quote one respondent, "The minute you get to a certain income level, you grow out of it."

"Though we need nothing at the moment, it insures the possibility of satisfying a new desire when it arises." Another quotation from the newspaper? No, that came from the lips of Aristotle in 340 B.C., addressing the subject of people and their desires to be wealthy.

Money isn't the only medium used to pursue elusive satisfaction, and it isn't a new exercise to chase it. In this study, Solomon reports his findings as he tries to find a sense of contentment at the top of the heap.

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1. Is partying for pleasure satisfying?
Ecclesiastes 2:1-3
2. Is building new houses satisfying?
Ecclesiastes 2:4-5
3. Is building public projects satisfying?
Ecclesiastes 2:6
4. Is building your business satisfying?
Ecclesiastes 2:7
5. Is saving big dollars satisfying?
Ecclesiastes 2:8

6. Is being a patron of the arts satisfying?
Ecclesiastes 2:8
 7. Is having multiple partners satisfying?
Ecclesiastes 2:8
 8. Is being the biggest and best satisfying?
Ecclesiastes 2:9
 9. Is amassing an estate satisfying?
Ecclesiastes 2:18-21
- Did Solomon find what he was looking for?
Ecclesiastes 2:10-11;22-23
- Do you know how to assure satisfaction?
Ecclesiastes 2:24-26
- Do you know how you can please God?
Hebrews 11:1,6

■ NOTES:

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