

# Overcoming Your Temptations

I Can Control My World















"What does the worker gain from his toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on men. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

Ecclesiastes 3:9-11

# Life is not worth living!

- ❑ The monotony of life (1:4–11)
- ❑ The vanity of wisdom (1:12–18)
- ❑ The futility of wealth (2:1–11)
- ❑ The certainty of death (2:12–23)

**“Vanity! Vanity”**

Used 38 Times

meaning *“emptiness,  
futility, vapor.”*

"When I applied my mind to know wisdom and to observe man's labor on earth—his eyes not seeing sleep day or night— then I saw all that God has done. No one can comprehend what goes on under the sun. Despite all his efforts to search it out, man cannot discover its meaning. Even if a wise man claims he knows, he cannot really comprehend it."

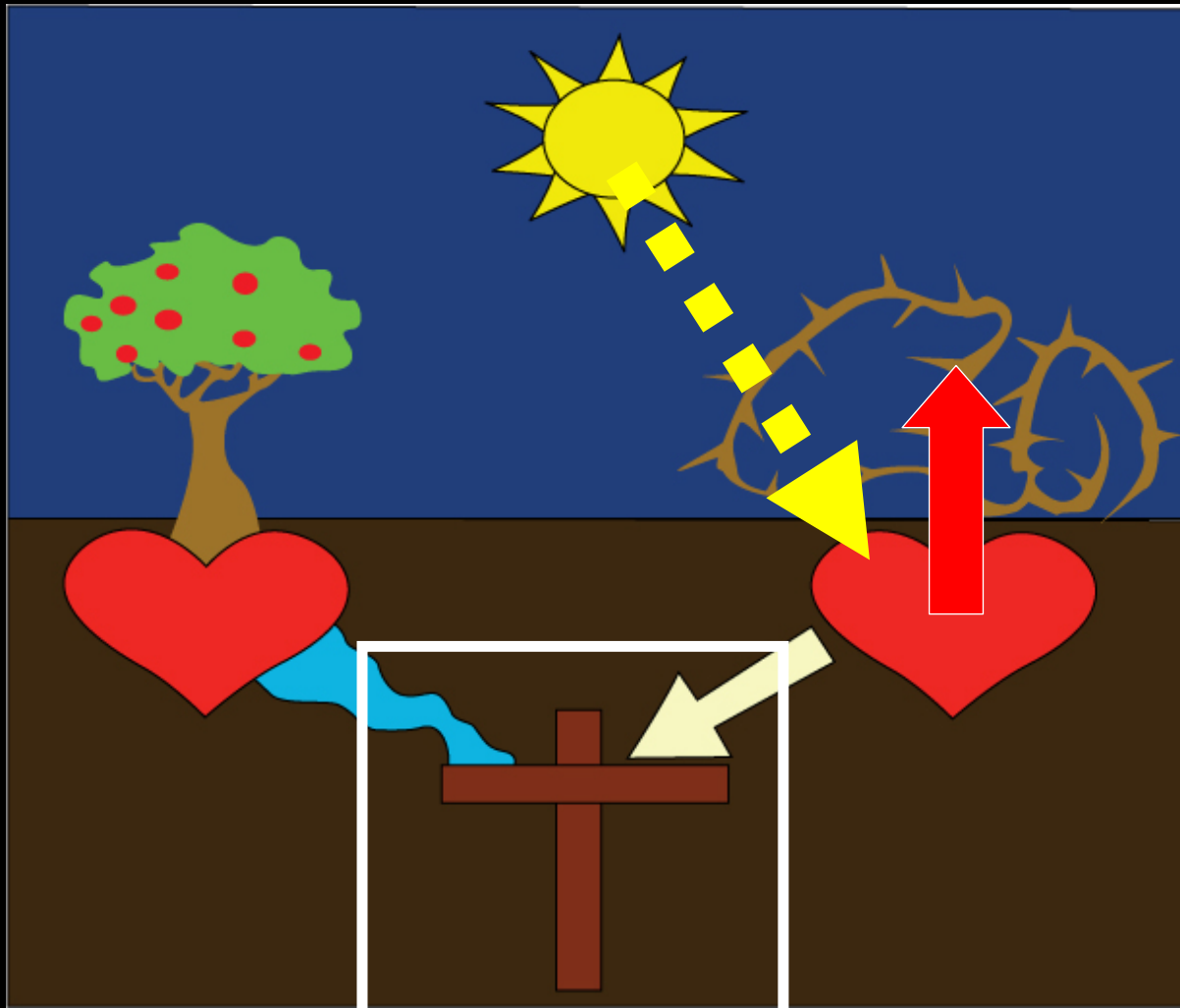
Ecclesiastes 8:16-17

We operate out of a faulty assumption that looks like this:

**“If only I can control my world, life will be manageable and have meaning and purpose.”**

Related to this assumption is an equally faulty one:

“ I ought to be able to control  
my world ”



Jesus Christ

" "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."

Luke 6:43-45