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THE PLEASURES OF THIS WORLD

Introduction: While in prison for preaching the gospel, John Bunyan wrote *Pilgrim's Progress* as an allegory of the Christian life in this world. In the book, Christian and his companion, Faithful, have to travel thru the Village of Vanity on their way to the Celestial City. In this village Beelzebub sets up a fair, "a fair where in should be sold all sorts of vanity, and that it should last all the year long."

Ecclesiastes 2:1 Luke 8:14 Titus 3:3

I. THE WORLD'S PLEASURES

1. " _____ " - The doctrine that pleasure is the _____ in life. 2 Peter 2:13
 "...their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight."
2. To live _____ 1 Tim 5:6 *"The widow who lives for pleasure is dead while she lives."*
3. To live _____ James 5:5 *"You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence (pleasure, KJV)."*

II. BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATIONS

1. _____
2. _____ Luke 15:13 *"...squandered his wealth in wild living."*
3. _____ Matthew 19:22 *"...went away sad, because he had great wealth."*
4. _____ Luke 12:19 *"And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years, take life easy; eat drink & be merry.'"*

III. PROBLEM WITH THIS PRINCIPLE AND PATTERN

1. Wrong _____
 - _____ instead of _____
 - _____ instead of _____
2. Doesn't _____ Heb 11:25 *"pleasures of sin for a season"*
3. Doesn't _____ - _____

IV. GOD'S PLEASURES

Psalm 16:11 "You have made known to me the path of life: you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

John 10:10 "... I am come that they may have life and have it to the full." (abundant life, KJV)

Conclusion: I'd rather have Jesus than
 _____ or _____
 _____ untold
 _____ or _____
 world wide _____

I'd rather have Jesus than _____ this world affords today.