

What do you wish you knew?

*"I said in my heart, 'Come now, I will test you.'"*

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12-2:8)

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12-18)  
*"I applied my heart to know wisdom"*

- \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-3)  
*"I searched with my heart"*

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- \_\_\_\_\_ (2:4-6)  
*"I made great works. I built.... I made.... and planted.... I made"*

- \_\_\_\_\_ (2:7-8)  
*"I bought.... I had.... I also gathered.... I got"*

"After one has abandoned a belief in God, poetry is that essence which takes its place as life's redemption." Wallace Stevens

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (2:9-10)

*"So I became great and surpassed all."*

- with \_\_\_\_\_ -
- without \_\_\_\_\_ -

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (2:11)

*"All was vanity and striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun."*

Let's stop pretending –

"Our excesses are the best clues to our own poverty, and our best way of concealing it from ourselves." Adam Phillips

### Strategies of our Discontent (Keller)

"It" is still out there –

- The \_\_\_\_\_ - "If I can get \_\_\_\_\_"
- The \_\_\_\_\_ - "If it wasn't for \_\_\_\_\_"
- The \_\_\_\_\_ - "If I can get a better \_\_\_\_\_"
- The \_\_\_\_\_ - "I'm a failure."

"It" doesn't exist –

- The \_\_\_\_\_ - "I can give away my emptiness."
- The \_\_\_\_\_ - "I lowered my expectations, and I'm okay."
- The \_\_\_\_\_ - "I find happiness in hopelessness."

Occasionally, _____ over the life you _____ would be. _____ the _____.	_____ _____ _____
Then _____, _____ and _____ the _____.	_____ _____ _____