

**Essentials**  
**Plugging Into Real Power**  
**Part 2A of 10**  
**January 10, 2010**  
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**The World's False Belief Of Power:**

○ \_\_\_\_\_ **things**

"I owned more livestock than anyone else who had ever lived in Jerusalem. I also piled up silver and gold from the royal treasuries of the lands I ruled."

**Ecclesiastes 2:7b-8a (TEV)**

○ \_\_\_\_\_ **pleasures**

"Driven on by my desire for wisdom, I decided to cheer myself up with wine and have a good time. I thought that this might be the best way people can spend their short lives on earth....Men and women sang to entertain me, and I had all the women a man could want... Anything I wanted, I got. I did not deny myself any pleasure."

**Ecclesiastes 2:3,8b,10a (TEV)**

○ \_\_\_\_\_ **success**

"I accomplished great things. I built myself houses and planted vineyards. I planted gardens and orchards, with all kinds of fruit trees in them; I dug ponds to irrigate them... Yes, I was great, greater than anyone else who had ever lived in Jerusalem, and my wisdom never failed me. ...I was proud of everything I had worked for, and all this was my reward." **Ecclesiastes 2:4-6, 9, 10b (TEV)**

○ **The end result of chasing after the world's power:**

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**Ecclesiastes 2:17 (TEV)**

Jesus said, "...a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." **Luke 12:15b (NIV)**

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Prayer (ACTS)

Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication

Worship

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**Taking it home:**

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