

The Bored

(Chasing after God knows what)
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"I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; **all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.**

What is twisted cannot be straightened; what is lacking cannot be counted." (Eccl 1:12-13 NIV)

6 Steps to Bondage

From **bondage to freedom.**

"...were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13 NIV)

From **freedom to courage.**

". . . but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." (Daniel 11:32)

From **courage to abundance.**

"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them."
(Joshua 1:5-6 ESV)

From **abundance to consumption.**

"One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. People curse the one who hoards grain, but they pray God's blessing on the one who is willing to sell." (Proverbs 11:24-26 NIV)

From **assumption to entitlement.**

"But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'" (James 4:6 ESV)

From **entitlement to enslavement.**

Beating Boredom

Trade **easy for worth it.**

Trade **rights for favor.**

Trade **surviving for thriving.**

Trade **institutions for movements.**

Institutions exist to guarantee **their existence.** Under duress, they will **eat their own** to survive.

Trade **reformation for transformation..**

"With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
(Acts 2:40-42 NIV)