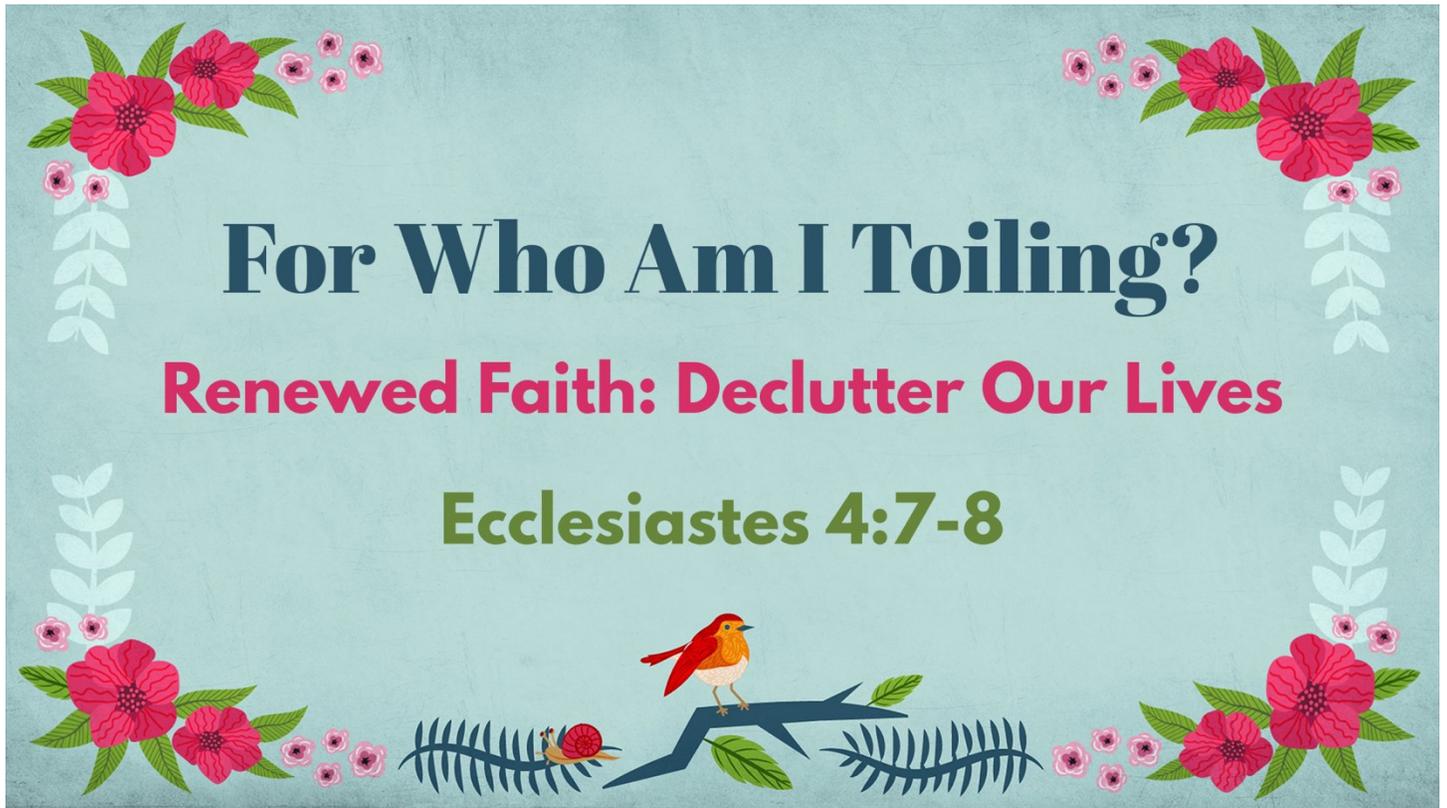


# For Who Am I Toiling?

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Renewed Faith: Declutter Our Lives / Faith; Work; Truth; Peace; Contentment / Ecclesiastes 4:8 **Thesis:**  
Christians should remember that they toil in contentment, truth, and peace.

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## **Ecclesiastes 4:7-8 ESV**

<sup>7</sup> Again, I saw vanity under the sun: <sup>8</sup> one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

## I Toil in Contentment

### **Ecclesiastes 5:18 ESV**

<sup>18</sup> Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

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## **Philippians 4:10–13** ESV

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

## **1 Timothy 6:6–8** ESV

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

## I Toil for Truth

### **Psalm 51:6** ESV

<sup>6</sup> Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

### **John 17:17** ESV

“17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

### **2 Timothy 2:15** ESV

“15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

### **3 John 4** ESV

“4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

## I Toil for Peace

### **Isaiah 53:5** ESV

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

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## **Matthew 5:9 ESV**

“9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

## **John 14:27 ESV**

“27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

## **Romans 12:18 ESV**

“18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

**God's Plan of Salvation**

**Hear**  
Romans 10:17

**Believe**  
John 8:24

**Repent**  
2 Peter 3:9

**Confess**  
Romans 10:9

**Be Baptized**  
Acts 2:38

**Remain Faithful**  
Revelation 2:10