

Essay from the Bold Pastor

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The man known for his charismatic leadership style at Apple Inc. died after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Death came rather quickly at the age of 56 for a legend who became among the Forbes’ wealthiest at a young age and is remembered for his iconic products. It is as if the genius is continuing to make a living even after his death, as iPhones are flying off the shelves and multiple biographies are already in the works. Throughout history, there have been politicians, scientists, entrepreneurs, and athletes alike considered to be of the extraordinary, and there is no question that Jobs is one of them.

Approximately 3000 years ago, King Solomon of Israel wrote the book is Ecclesiastes. Solomon was the son of King David. Solomon, like Steve Jobs, was known for his achievements, and had all the wealth and fame in the world. His 700 wives and 300 concubines are evidence of his sheer power. The temple that he built was overlaid with gold on the inside and out, and looked like a mound of gold to observers far away. Despite all his achievements, Solomon admits,

“The wise have eyes in their heads, while the fool walks in the darkness; but I came to realize that the same fate overtakes them both.” (Ecclesiastes 2:14).

Death awaits all of us, from the ordinary to the extraordinary. So should we just live for enjoyment of the present moment? Rather, this passage is a proof of our need for salvation. The word “Messiah” means savior. There is life beyond death through Christ’s gift of salvation.

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