

Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD





Defining Terms: “Under the Sun”

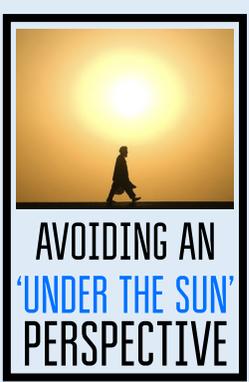
- A Focus on Earthly Things

- Material Possessions

ECCLESIASTES 2:4-8

- Physical Pleasures

ECCLESIASTES 2:8, 10



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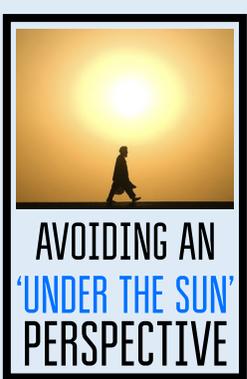
- A Focus on Earthly Things

- Human Wisdom

ECCLESIASTES 2:12-13

- Labor for the Material

ECCLESIASTES 2:17-20



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- The Common Shortcomings of All

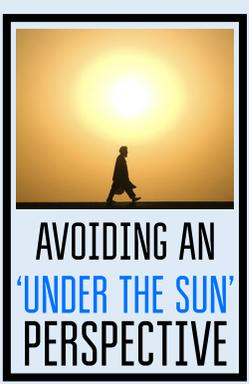
- It Is All Temporary

MATT. 6:19; 1ST TIM. 6:17; 1ST COR. 1:25, 27

- It All Fails to Bring Meaning & Happiness

ECCL. 5:10; 1:18; HEB. 11:25; ECCL. 1:2;

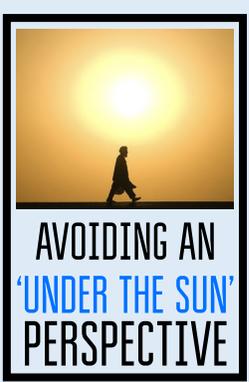
PROV. 21:17



Defining Terms: “Under the Sun”

- The Common Shortcomings of All
 - It Is Imperfect
 - It All Distracts Us From the Important Things

MATTHEW 6:24



Avoiding This Perspective

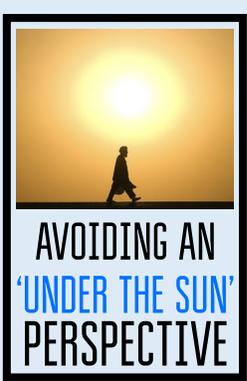
- Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

- The Invaluable, Eternal

COL. 3:1, 2; 1ST PETER 1:3, 4

- Where Our Hearts Will Be

MATTHEW 6:19-21



Avoiding This Perspective

- Seek to Please God, Not Self

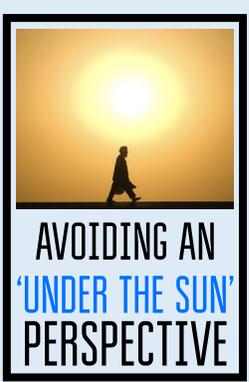
Ecc. 12:13

- In All Things

2ND CORINTHIANS 4:16-5:10

- A Spiritual Mind Is Necessary

ROMANS 8:5-8



Avoiding This Perspective

- Seek God's Wisdom, Not Human Wisdom

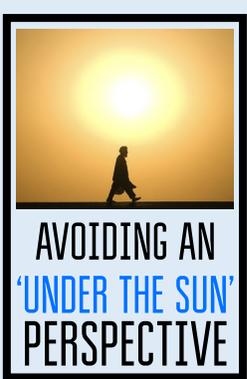
Eccl. 2:14-18

- The Beginning

JAS. 3:14-17; PROV. 1:7; 9:10

- A Carnal Mind Cannot Comprehend

1ST CORINTHIANS 2:14



Avoiding This Perspective

- Labor for the Lord, Not for this World

Ecc. 2:22, 23

- With All Our Might

ECCL. 9:10; 2:3; ROMANS 12:1

- It Will Be Worthwhile

ROM. 6:13; 2ND COR. 5:15; 1ST COR. 15:58

