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3. In verse 9, Solomon talks about our 'wandering appetites' - how our human desires are always changing. *How does this create discontentment in our lives?*
4. How do we combat being ruled by our wandering desires?
5. Solomon says 'the more words, the more vanity' in verse 11. How does this reinforce the wisdom in chapter 5:1-7?

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6. How this chapter illustrate our struggle with human desires?
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