

The uncertainties of
life...but Remember

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Solomon.....



*A feast is made for laughter,
and wine makes life merry, but
money is the answer for
everything. Eccl 10.9*

John Owen

I am yet in the land of the dying, but I hope soon to be in the land of the living."



Ecclesiastes 11 New Living Translation (NLT)

- Send your grain across the seas,
and in time, profits will flow back to you.^[a]
- ² But divide your investments among many places,^[b]
for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.
- ³ When clouds are heavy, the rains come down.
Whether a tree falls north or south, it stays where it falls.
- ⁴ Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant.
If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.

Ecclesiastes 11 New Living Translation (NLT)

Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb,^[c] so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things.

⁶ Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both.

⁷Light is sweet; how pleasant to see a new day dawning.

⁸ When people live to be very old, let them rejoice in every day of life. But let them also remember there will be many dark days. Everything still to come is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 11 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁹ Young people, ^[d] it's wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything you want to do; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do. ¹⁰ So refuse to worry, and keep your body healthy. But remember that youth, with a whole life before you, is meaningless.



Verse 1 & 2

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Commitment - Faith - Patience

Proverbs 11.24,25

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Verses 3-5

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Verse 6

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Verses 7-8

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Verse 9

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Choices have consequences!

“There are many times when we look at things that go on in the world and we don’t have a clue as to what God is doing. But we have to trust Him because He is the one who makes and sustains all things. Too many Christians freeze because they don’t know what God wants them to do. They suffer from a paralysis of analysis. When facing a decision in their lives, they want God to tell them exactly what their choices should be. Does God have to tell you what to do? Will God tell you what to do?

There is a difference between right or wrong decisions and right or left decisions. In the Bible, the will of God always refers to moral choices—decisions where one path leads to sin and the other to righteousness. For these right or wrong decisions, we can know the will of God. It’s found in the Bible. We need to pray and pursue the path of righteousness. For right or left decisions, in Ecclesiastes Solomon says you just have to be bold and act. Too often, Christians are looking for a no-fault deal. If it’s a right or left decision, pray about it and then boldly follow your heart.”

Tommy Nelson, The Problem of Life with God, 2002

Big question....



UK Student 2013

mine is to get amazing a level grades, go to my dream uni, get a decent job, give my family a really good life especially my mother who has raised me and my siblings alone. I want to pay her back for everything she has done for us and being my role model since day one. Although i know whatever i do wont be equal to the amount of things she's done for me, I still want to make her proud and know that everything she sacrificed for me was worth it.

Ecclesiastes 12.1



Remember.....



Games

Discussions

Schools years 9-13
Wednesday Nights
7:30pm-9:30pm
Saturday night activities
as advertised

A photograph of a person's hands clasped together, resting on an open Bible. The Bible is lying flat on a wooden surface. The person is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. The background is a solid green color. The text "REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

**REMEMBER
YOUR CREATOR**

1 Cor 6.19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN, 20 FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT WITH A PRICE. So glorify God in your body.

Ecclesiastes 12 New Living Translation

² Remember him before the light of the sun, moon, and stars is dim to your old eyes, and rain clouds continually darken your sky.

³ Remember him before your legs—the guards of your house—start to tremble; and before your shoulders—the strong men—stoop.

Remember him before your teeth—your few remaining servants—stop grinding; and before your eyes—the women looking through the windows—see dimly.

⁴ Remember him before the door to life's opportunities is closed and the sound of work fades. Now you rise at the first chirping of the birds, but then all their sounds will grow faint.

Ecclesiastes 12 New Living Translation

⁵ Remember him before you become fearful of falling and worry about danger in the streets; before your hair turns white like an almond tree in bloom, and you drag along without energy like a dying grasshopper, and the caperberry no longer inspires sexual desire. Remember him before you near the grave, your everlasting home, when the mourners will weep at your funeral.

⁶ Yes, remember your Creator now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don't wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring and the pulley is broken at the well. ⁷ For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Meaningless...

8 “Everything is meaningless,” says the Teacher, “completely meaningless.”

Ecclesiastes 12 New Living Translation

¹³ That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. ¹⁴ God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

John 20:31 New International Version (NIV)

³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[a] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This week...

Remember God and Fear
God for this is your duty