

Life on Purpose: The Message of Ecclesiastes

The Highway to
Happiness

Ecclesiastes 11-12 (NIV)

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Focus on Giving to Others.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

¹ Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.

² Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.

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Don't Procrastinate.

Ecclesiastes 11:3-6

³ If clouds are full of water, they pour rain upon the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there will it lie. ⁴ Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap. ⁵ As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.

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⁶ Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.

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Delight in Legitimate Pleasure.

Ecclesiastes 11:7-10

⁷ Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun. ⁸ However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all. But let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. Everything to come is meaningless. ⁹ Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy

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in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment.
¹⁰ So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigor are meaningless.

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Remember God While Young.

Ecclesiastes 12: 1-7

¹ Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"- ² before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain;

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³ when the keepers of the house tremble,
and the strong men stoop, when the
grinders cease because they are few, and
those looking through the windows grow
dim; ⁴ when the doors to the street are
closed and the sound of grinding fades;
when men rise up at the sound of birds,
but all their songs grow faint;

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⁵ when men are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags himself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then man goes to his eternal home and mourners go about the streets.

⁶ Remember him—before the silver cord is severed, or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well,

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⁷ and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.



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Follow God's Word.

Ecclesiastes 12: 8-12

⁹ Not only was the Teacher wise, but also he imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. ¹⁰ The Teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was upright and true. ¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails—given by one Shepherd.

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Fear God and Obey Him.

Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14

¹² Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end, and much study wears the body. ¹³ Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.