4. How to Deal With the Reality of Aging

Ecclesiastes 11-12

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How you see and what you think about someone or something

Is Life Worth Living?
- Monotony of life
- Vanity of Wisdom
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1. Life is an _____
We Must Enjoy It

[7]Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. [8]So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. [9]Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. —Ecclesiastes 11:7-9

[1]Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days. [2]Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.
—Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

[3]If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves on the earth, and if a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. [4]He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. —Ecclesiastes 11:3-4

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2. Life is Filled With _____
We must Navigate it

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Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.
—Ecclesiastes 11:10

As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything. —Ecclesiates 11:5

Galatians 6:7-9

Law of the Harvest: We reap what we sow.
We reap later than we sow.
We reap more than we sow.

3. Life is a Passage with _____
We Must Not Waste It

[1]Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth,
before the evil days come and the years draw near
of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them;"
[2]before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars
are darkened and the clouds return after the rain. —Ecc. 12:1-2

"Being a wise man, Solomon reviewed his arguments and this time brought God into the picture. What a difference it made! He realized that life was not monotonous, but filled with challenging situations from God, each in its own time and each for its own purpose. He also learned that wealth could be enjoyed and employed for the glory of God. Though man's wisdom couldn't explain everything, Solomon concluded it's better to follow God's wisdom than to practice man's folly. As for the certainty of death, there is no way to escape it, and it ought to motivate us to enjoy life now and make the most of the opportunities God gives us." —Warren W. Wiersbe

[23]Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast
in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might,
let not the rich man boast in his riches, [24]but let him who
boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me,
that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice,
and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I
delight, declares the LORD."—Jeremiah 9:23-24

[17]O God, from my youth You have taught me, and I still
proclaim Your wondrous deeds. [18]So even to old age
and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim
Your might to another generation, Your power to all those
to come. —Psalm 71:17-18

[13]The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God
and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty
of man. [14]For God will bring every deed into judgment,
with every secret thing, whether good or evil. —Ecc. 12:13-14

"The final message is not that nothing matters, but that everything does!" —Phillip Graham Ryken

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