

PERSPECTIVE = HOW YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT
SOMEONE OR SOMETHING

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IS LIFE WORTH LIVING? • MONOTONY OF LIFE • FUTILITY OF WEALTH
• VANITY OF WISDOM • CERTAINTY OF DEATH

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I. LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE
WE MUST ENJOY IT

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⁷LIGHT IS SWEET, AND IT IS PLEASANT FOR THE EYES TO SEE THE SUN.
⁸SO IF A PERSON LIVES MANY YEARS, LET HIM REJOICE IN THEM ALL;
BUT LET HIM REMEMBER THAT THE DAYS OF DARKNESS WILL BE MANY.

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⁹REJOICE, 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.

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BUT KNOW THAT FOR ALL THESE THINGS
GOD WILL BRING YOU INTO JUDGMENT.
—ECCLESIASTES 11:7-9

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¹CAST YOUR BREAD UPON THE WATERS, FOR YOU WILL FIND IT AFTER MANY DAYS. ²GIVE A PORTION TO SEVEN, OR EVEN TO EIGHT, FOR YOU KNOW NOT WHAT DISASTER MAY HAPPEN ON EARTH. —ECC. 11:1-2

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¹IF 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.

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¹HE WHO OBSERVES THE WIND WILL NOT SOW, AND HE WHO REGARDS THE CLOUDS WILL NOT REAP. —ECCLESIASTES 11:3-4

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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.

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BUT KNOW THAT FOR ALL THESE THINGS GOD WILL BRING YOU INTO JUDGMENT. —ECCLESIASTES 11:9

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2. LIFE IS FILLED WITH ADVERSITY
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

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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. —ECCLESIASTES 11:5

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⁷DO NOT BE DECEIVED: GOD IS NOT MOCKED, FOR WHATEVER
ONE SOWS, THAT WILL HE ALSO REAP. ⁸FOR THE ONE WHO SOWS
TO HIS OWN FLESH WILL FROM THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION,

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BUT THE ONE WHO SOWS TO THE SPIRIT WILL FROM THE SPIRIT REAP
ETERNAL LIFE. ⁹AND LET US NOT GROW WEARY OF DOING GOOD, FOR
IN DUE SEASON WE WILL REAP, IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP. —GALATIANS 6:7-9

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LAW OF THE
HARVEST

WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.
WE REAP LATER THAN WE SOW.
WE REAP MORE THAN WE SOW.

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3. LIFE IS A PASSAGE WITH AGING
WE MUST NOT WASTE IT

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¹REMEMBER 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;"

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²BEFORE THE SUN AND THE LIGHT AND THE MOON AND THE STARS
ARE DARKENED AND THE CLOUDS RETURN AFTER THE RAIN.
—ECCLESIASTES 12:1-2

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11:3 KEEPERS OF THE HOUSE = ARMS AND HAND TREMBLE
11:3 STRONG MEN = LEGS, KNEES, SHOULDERS WEAKEN AND STOOP
11:3 GRINDERS = LOOSING TEETH
11:3 WINDOWS = YOUR VISION FADES AND FAILS
11:4 DOORS = HEARING LOSS, NO TEETH
11:4 RISE UP = GET UP WITH THE BIRDS
11:4 MUSIC = VOICE WAVERS AND WARBLERS
11:5 AFRAID = FEAR OF HEIGHTS AND FALLING
11:5 ALMOND TREE = IF YOU HAVE HAIR IT IS WHITE LIKE BLOSSOMS
11:5 GRASS HOPPER = DRAG YOURSELF ALONG AT CLOSE OF SUMMER
11:5 DESIRE = LOSS OF APPETITE
11:5 LONG HOME = DEPARTURE AND DEATH
11:6 SILVER CORD/GOLDEN BOWL = DECLINE AND DEMENTIA
11:6 PITCHER IS SHATTERED = HEART FAILURE
11:7 DEATH

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"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

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³THUS 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,

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⁴BUT 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.

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FOR IN THESE THINGS I DELIGHT, DECLARES THE LORD,"
—JEREMIAH 9:23-24

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¹⁷O GOD, FROM MY YOUTH YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME, AND I STILL
PROCLAIM YOUR WONDROUS DEEDS. ¹⁸SO EVEN TO OLD AGE
AND GRAY HAIRS, O GOD, DO NOT FORSAKE ME.

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UNTIL I PROCLAIM YOUR MIGHT TO ANOTHER GENERATION,
YOUR POWER TO ALL THOSE TO COME.
—PSALM 71:17-18

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¹³THE END OF THE MATTER; ALL HAS BEEN HEARD.
FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS,
FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN.

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¹⁴FOR GOD WILL BRING EVERY DEED INTO JUDGMENT,
WITH EVERY SECRET THING, WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL.
—ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14

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"THE FINAL MESSAGE IS NOT THAT NOTHING MATTERS,
BUT THAT EVERYTHING DOES!"
—PHILLIP GRAHAM RYKEN

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