

**Is Life Worth Living?**  
**“Life, What’s It All About”**  
**Ecclesiastes 11-12**  
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**Introduction:** It has been said that “Life is like a good book; the further you get into it, the more it begins to make sense.”

**\* How about you today?**

- Are you frustrated with life?

**\* In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon looked at life and said in chapter 1:2 “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.”**

- He said this because he looked at life from “under the sun.”
- It is life without God.
- It is monotonous and empty.

**\* Today, Solomon comes to the end of his book and makes his conclusions—seeing God. He paints four pictures to help us understand what life is all about!**

**I. Life is an Adventure; Live by Faith in God (11:1-6)**

**\* In this section, Solomon used two activities to illustrate the idea of “living by faith.”**

- 1) (v.v. 1-2) The merchant (“be benevolent”)
- 2) (v.v. 3-6) The farmer

**\* Key- “you know not” (v. 2, v. 5, v. 6)**

- “Nothing ventured, nothing gained”
- Jesus said in Mark 11:22- “...have faith in God”
- Habakkuk 2:4- “The just shall live by faith”
- Illustration- 1 Samuel 14- Jonathan and his armor bearer

**\* F.B. Meyer- “You never test the resources of God until you attempt the impossible.”**

**\* Jesus said- “Give and it shall be given...”**

**II. Life is a Gift from God (11:7-12:8)**

\* How can we enjoy life?

○ Solomon gives us three admonitions:

- 1) Rejoice in your youth (v.v. 7-9)
- 2) Remove sin from your life (v. 10)
  - a. Sin leads to sadness! It brings guilt to the mind and damage to the body!
  - b. Jesus said- “If your right hand causes you to sin...”
- 3) Remember your Creator (12:1-8)
  - a. To “remember” is more than just mental recall.
  - b. Besides reflecting on and pondering the person and power of God, it also implies an action on our part—obedience!
  - c. Do it while you’re young, before you get old (v.v. 3-8)
  - d. Charles Swindoll wrote in his book *Living on the Ragged Edge*- “Gray hair, fewer teeth, yet a big smile.”
  - e. So, rejoice, remove and remember!

### **III. Life is a School; Learn your Lessons from God (12:9-12)**

\* In these verses, Solomon explained the characteristics of his words in this book.

- For us, the Holy Spirit teaches us the truth of God in the Word of God.
- So:
  - 1) Read it
  - 2) Study it
  - 3) Meditate on it
    - a. Psalm 1
  - 4) Memorize it
    - a. While you’re young!
  - 5) Obey it
    - a. James- “Be a doer...”

### **IV. Life is a Stewardship, Fear and Obey God (12:9-12)**

\* If you’re a Christian, your life is not your own!

- We are stewards of all that God has blessed us with!
  - 1) Don’t waste your life
  - 2) Don’t spend your life
  - 3) Invest your life!

\* Corrie Ten Boom- “*The measure of a life is not its duration, but it’s donation.*”

## **CONCLUSION**

### **1) Fear God (v. 13)**

- a. Proverbs 1:7- “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge”**

### **2) Keep His commandments (v. 13)**

- a. If we love God, we will obey God!**
- b. (v. 14) the reason to fear and obey God!**
  - i. We will all stand before God in a final judgment**

**\* Are you ready to face God?**