

Berwyn Church of Christ: Ecclesiastes Study

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Connecting Scriptures/Thoughts	<u>Ecclesiastes 12</u> Select a favorite verse from the entire book of Ecclesiastes. What is one take away that you will bring with
11:9-10 You can walk in the ways of your heart but it will not be your heart that judges what you did or did not do. V 1 Best thing to do is to align yourself to God from a young age! V 2-5 some people think it is easier to serve God when you get older. If you have 2 Peter 3:18 mindset then I agree, but without God elderly life can be difficult. This describes what happens with advancing age. V5-6 remember God before it is too late! V7 You were created by God and your spirit returns to God for judgement. V8 Reminder of the whole book absent of God all is vanity V9- 10 Why did the preacher write this book? How do the words in Ecclesiastes bring us pleasure or delight? Eccl 5:1 Draw near to the Word! Enjoy life Eccl 3:12-13	[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, [3] in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, [4] and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low— [5] they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— [6] before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, [7] and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. [8] Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity. [9] Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. [10] The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth. [11] The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. [12] My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. [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

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V11-12 someone telling you the truth can be painful. Heb 4:12 How many self help books are out there? God warns us that nothing will help you understand the meaning of life better than the bible. The answers you need can be found in God. This book contains the words of life. John 6:35 so much so that the imagery here is Christ's words guiding you is all you ever need.

1:9 Nothing new: what are some things that Eccl taught us about life? We will all die, no one lives forever, have fun, but nothing will overly satisfy your soul. There are limits to wisdom but it's better than being foolish.

V13 the PERFECT wisdom lies in remembering and obeying God

Human wisdom Ecc 1:12-18 that does not consider God is striving after the wind, Eccl 2:1-11 pleasure seeking is striving after the wind. Wealth does not bring contentment Ecc 5:10

Emptiness of life can be replaced by purpose in Christ Rom 5:1 Ephesians 2:10

V14 Everything held in judgement (what new testament verses say the same message)

secret thing, whether good or evil. (ESV)