

ECCLESIASTES

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

*“The Wisdom
of Living”*

Ecclesiastes 11-12



**Life is so
brief that
no man can
afford to
lose a day.**

Spurgeon



1 Chronicles 28



Reap

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

**Send your grain
overseas, for after
many days you will
get a return. Divide
your merchandise
among seven or even
eight investments, for
you do not know what
calamity may happen
on earth.**

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2



***Live Generously
Live Wisely***

If the clouds are full of rain, they will empty themselves on the earth, and whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, the tree will lie wherever it falls. He who watches the wind will not sow, and he who observes the clouds will not reap. Just as you do not know the path of the wind or how the bones form in the womb of a pregnant woman, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

Ecclesiastes 11:3-5



***Live Fully
Live Faithfully***

Sow your seed in the morning, and do not stop working until the evening; for you do not know which activity will succeed—whether this one or that one, or whether both will prosper equally.

Ecclesiastes 11:6



***Live Every Day
Live All Day***

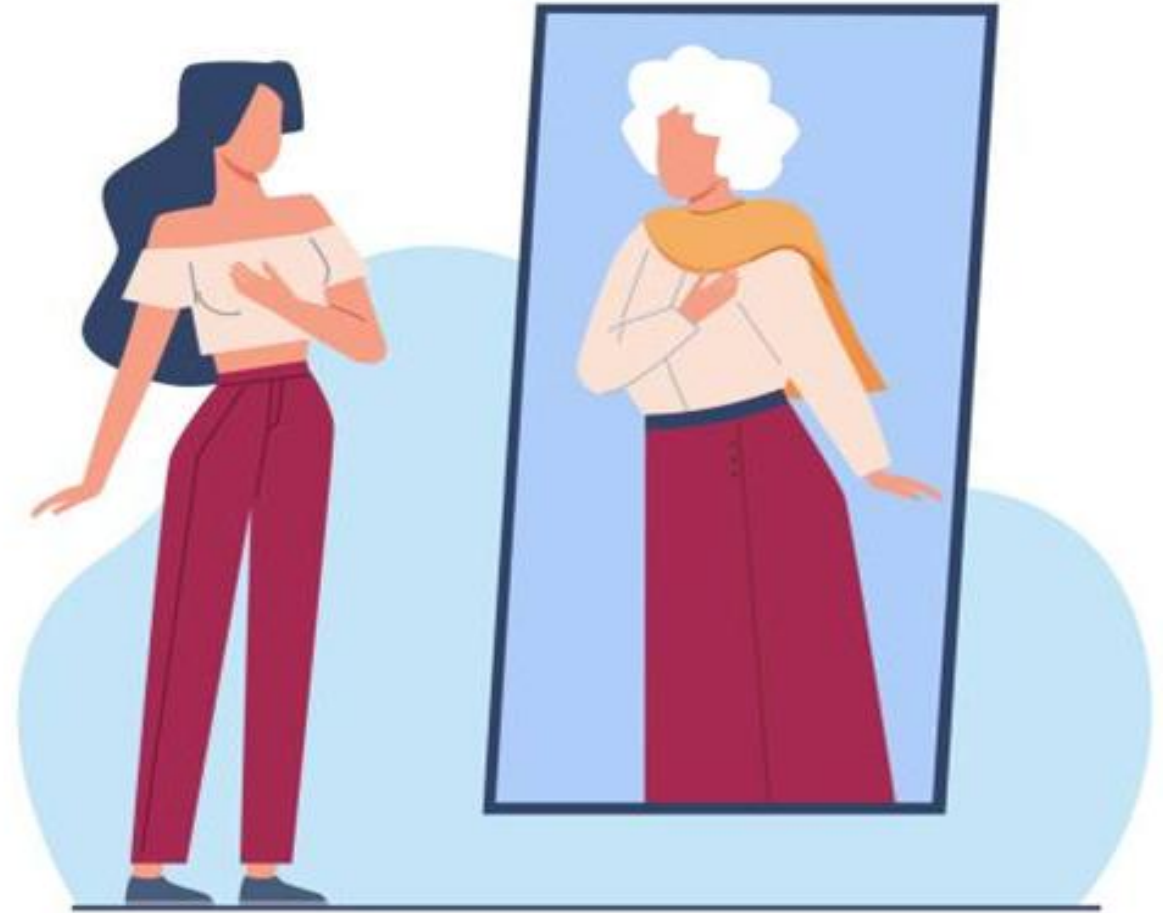
A background image of a starry night sky. In the upper center, there is a bright, yellowish-white spiral galaxy. The sky is filled with numerous stars of varying brightness. The lower portion of the image shows dark, swirling patterns that resemble waves or nebulae, illuminated from below by a warm, golden light.

Rejoice

Ecclesiastes 11:7-10

Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for a person to see the sun. So, if a man lives many years, let him rejoice in them all, but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many—all that is about to come is obscure.

Ecclesiastes 11:7-8



Rejoice In Today

**Rejoice, young man,
while you are young, and
let your heart cheer you
in the days of your
youth. Follow the
impulses of your heart
and the desires of your
eyes, but know that God
will judge your motives
and actions.**

Ecclesiastes 11:9



Rejoice In God

**Banish emotional
stress from your
mind and put
away pain from
your body; for
youth and the
prime of life are
fleeting.**

Ecclesiastes 11:10



Rejoice Regardless

Remember
Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

**So remember your
Creator in the days
of your youth—
before the difficult
days come and the
years draw near
when you will say,
“I have no pleasure
in them”**

Ecclesiastes 12:1



***Remember Before
You Forget***

before the sun and the light of the moon
and the stars grow dark, and the clouds
disappear after the rain; when those
who keep watch over the house begin to
tremble, and the virile men begin to
stoop over, and the grinders begin to
cease because they grow few, and those
who look through the windows grow
dim, and the doors along the street are
shut; when the sound of the grinding mill
grows low, and one is awakened by the
sound of a bird, and all their songs grow
faint, and they are afraid of heights and
the dangers in the street; the almond
blossoms grow white, and the
grasshopper drags itself along, and the
caper berry shrivels up
Ecclesiastes 12:2-5



***Remember As An
Action***

because man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go about in the streets— Remember Him before the silver cord is removed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the well, or the water wheel is broken at the cistern— and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the life's breath returns to God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7



***Remember Before
It's Too Late***

“Absolutely futile!” laments the Teacher, “All these things are futile!” Having heard everything, I have reached this conclusion: Fear God and keep his commandments, because this is the whole duty of man. For God will evaluate every deed, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:8,13



**Remember What
You've Been Taught
From the Beginning**

Our ignorance as to how and when God will use our service should prompt us to be tireless in buying up opportunities. The Lord often works when we least expect it, and He works in an infinite number of novel ways.

William MacDonald



Hebrews 11-12