

Rejoice in Life, but Remember Death (11:7-8)

- **Life** is a gift from God that is meant to be enjoyed. (7)
- You won't value your life until you see it against the backdrop of your impending **death**. (8)

Rejoice in Your Youth, but Remember Judgment (11:9-10)

- Rejoice **responsibly**.
 - Enjoy the days of your youth because they are **few**.
 - Enjoy the days of your youth because they are **fleeting**.
- Rejoice **reverently**.
 - Live a life that honors God...
 - Live a life with no **regrets**.
 - Live a life with no **remorse**.
 - Because one day you will give an account to God...
 - There will be no **exceptions**.
 - You will have no **excuses**.
- "True freedom is doing what you want to do and not regretting it in **1,000** years." -- John Piper

Remember Your Creator While You Are Young Because Life is Brief (12:1-8)

- Notice the three realities of life under the sun:
 - The reality of **old** age. (1-2)
 - The reality of the **decline** of our bodies. (3-5)
 - "Keepers of the house"- **arms** grow weak.
 - "Strong men are bent"- **legs** grow weary.
 - "Grinders cease"- refers to the **teeth**.
 - "Those who look through the windows"- **eyes** grow dim.
 - "Doors on the street are shut" - **ears** grow deaf.
 - "Rises at the sound of a bird" - **sleep** is impaired.
 - "Daughters of song brought low" - could refer to the **lungs**.
 - "Afraid of what is high" - fear of **falling**.
 - "Almond tree blossoms" - hair that turns **gray**.
 - "Grasshopper drags itself" - strength is nearly **gone**.
 - "Desire fails" - Physical appetites fade.
 - The reality of **death**. (6-7)
 - Life is suddenly **destroyed**.
 - Our bodies return to the **dust**.
- Notice the glimmer of hope:
 - Death is not our final destination.
 - Our spirit returns to our eternal **God**.
 - Our soul will arrive at its eternal **home**.
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