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“Living For The Last Day”  
Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

**We Must Submit Ourselves to Trustworthy Teachers (12:9-10)**

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- Find teachers who carefully prepare.
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- Find teachers who speak exactly what you need to hear, not what you want to hear.
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**We Must Build Our Life on God’s Trustworthy Word (12:11)**

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- God’s word is like nails...
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- The Scriptures are given by one Shepherd.
  - The Word was written by men.
  - The Word was inspired by God.

**We Must Avoid Seeking Wisdom and Meaning Outside of God’s Word (12:12)**

- The search for meaning outside of God’s word is empty.
- The Scriptures are enough.

**Our Ultimate Purpose in Life is to Fear God and Keep His Commandments (12:13-14)**

- This is man’s duty...
  - To worship God by fearing Him.
  - To obey God by keeping His commandments.
- This is man’s destiny...
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