

**ECCLESIASTES SERIES TWELVE**  
**REMEMBER ME**  
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Remember that the book of Ecclesiastes is about Solomon, the king of Israel, trying to find wisdom and meaning in life.

Key Sentence: Ecclesiastes 11:8: “However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all.”

Key Sentence: Ecclesiastes 12:1: “Remember your creator in the days of your youth.”

Key Lesson: True enjoyment is found in a life style of “remembering our Creator.” In other words, living in harmony with Jesus Christ by following His guidelines for life as laid out in the Bible.

What would a lifestyle remembering God look like?

Josephus tells us that Solomon was 12 years old when he became king.

Just before David died, he gave instructions to the young boy about the importance of remembering God (1 Chronicles 28:5-10).

Solomon failed to follow his father’s advice! He went on a search for life’s meaning and significance all on his own—without God. (examine his meaningless search in chapters 2-5).

Evaluating his life, after years of suffering and misery, Solomon sums up his observations of what is important in life. Three times Solomon returns to this conclusion in this book of wisdom literature. Notice the injunction to enjoy life—placed in the context of a meaningful relationship of “remembering God.”

Ecclesiastes 3:12-14

Ecclesiastes 5:18-19

Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8

**SOLOMON’S ADVICE IS TO ENJOY LIFE NOW—BECAUSE GOOD HEALTH, VIGOR AND YOUTH DO NOT LAST FOREVER (Ecclesiastes 11:8-12:7).**

Stop Wasting Time! Happiness Is For Today! We are not to put it on hold until we finally gain and achieve some far-off goal or destination.

There are consequences to our choices and actions when we fail to remember God.

Looking for love in all the wrong places: Build your life on the right foundation. Money, sex, and power have yet to bring ultimate happiness to anyone and you will not be the exception.

Solomon wrote a poem to describe what the “dark days” of life are like (Ecclesiastes 12:2-7).

Death is an open door to a new life. Life ends as a majestic commencement into the essence of real life.

## ENJOY LIFE HOW? BY “REMEMBERING GOD!”

Ecclesiastes 12:1: “Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.”

“Remember” does not simply mean, “Don’t forget that you know Him or who He is.”

“Remember your Creator when you are young,” means to act decisively on behalf of the living God. This means that we realize *He is the one essential ingredient for a truly happy lifestyle.*

God tells us to remember because it is our nature to forget (Deuteronomy 8:10-18).

We remember God by interact with Him as we follow His instructions.

## WHAT MIGHT LIVING A LIFE OF “REMEMBERING GOD” LOOK LIKE TODAY?

Life lived on our own—without Jesus Christ—is ultimately meaningless.

“Remembering God” implies that He has a built-in purpose for all of us.

God certainly remembers us. He remembers that He made us out of dust! He knows us intimately.

“I know the plans I have for you!” He created a great plan for us that fits like a glove (*teleios*).

God has sealed orders for each of our lives. Much of life’s delight is opening the envelope and following His plan.

“Remembering God”—living on edge, living by faith is an adventure. It may be scary but it is never boring.

Many have found deep fulfillment and abiding joy in living out the adventure of “remembering God.”

We must stay flexible to run an adventure with God.

“Remembering God”—locked in step with Him—carrying out His will—underlies the life of true enjoyment.

*No one need miss the joy of life—no matter how old or young we are (Ecclesiastes 11:8).*