



# LIVING LIFE BACKWARD

How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live Life in Light of the End

# BASED ON A BOOK BY THAT NAME

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# REVIEW

- Death Comes for everyone
- God is the giver of all gifts (life, wealth, honor) and He alone satisfies and knows their purpose
- living with uncertainty



TODAY ECCLESIASTES 11:7-12:8



11:9-10

- Especially directing this thought to young people
- Commands them to rejoice
- Commands them not to be anxious
  
- Why are these commands especially given to young people?

# THE COMMAND TO REJOICE

- Deuteronomy 28:47: Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things,
- Romans 1:21: For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.
- Psalm 19:8: the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;

- 1 Tim 4:1-5: Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, <sup>2</sup> through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, <sup>3</sup> who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup> For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, <sup>5</sup> for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

# A PICTURE OF OLD AGE 12:1-5

- Keepers of the house = hands
- Strong men = legs
- Grinders = teeth
- Windows = eyes
- Doors = ears
- 12:5: you become more physically fragile
- The almond tree blossoms = white hair



# A PICTURE OF A FUNERAL 12:6-8

- Containers of our soul (our bodies) become broken
- Reverse of creation
- Remember 11:7-8
- Does this seem like a contradiction?