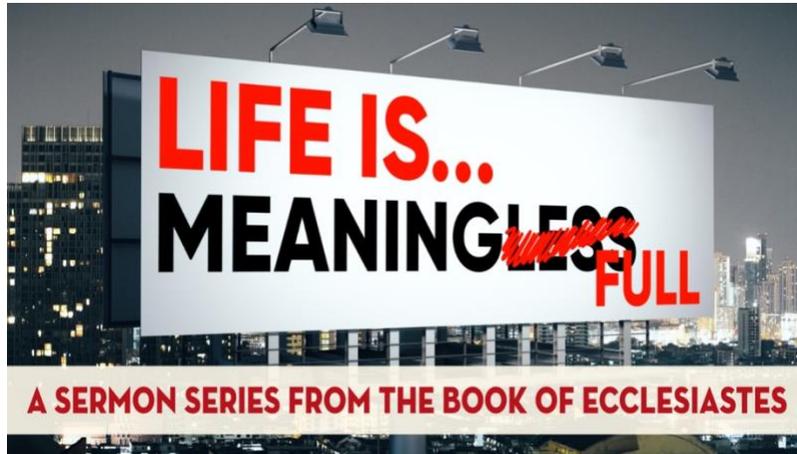


Listening Guide: Life is Meaningful - #4 of 4
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Ecclesiastes 12

Consider that everything in life has an expiration (a container of milk, laptop, jeans), even our lifespan. It is this thought that King Solomon at the end of his life realizes and concludes his search for significance.

Having lived life with everything the world has to offer, Solomon concludes it is all ‘futility’ without a relationship with God as the Creator & Giver of life. He urges a decisive choice to *“Remember Your Creator in the days of your youth”* Vs. 1. *“Before”* aging (Vs.2-5) & death (Vs.6-7) occur. Solomon states to be truly human is to live in a relationship with the Lord – see Vs. 13, 14.

In the spirit of this text, there are 3 decisive choices to make –

1. – Make a Decisive Choice to _____.

See – 12: 1; Hebrews 3: 7 -8; 2 Corinthians 6: 2, 13: 5

Reflect on this Choice is your life. Have you made it?

2. – Make a Decisive Choice to _____.

See – Mark 1: 17, 2 Corinthians 5: 18 – 20

3. – Make a Decisive Choice to _____.

See – 12: 8 – the contrast of a life devoted to self leading to “futility” & a life devoted to God leading to “glory” (Vs. 13,14)

What does it mean to be ‘human?’ – more than physical, mental, emotional, volition...
For you have a soul – meant to have a relationship with the eternal Creator!

Working the Word Challenges :

- **SHARE** with a group or partner *your decisive choice to follow Jesus*. Celebrate one another’s faith in Jesus.
- **REFLECT** on Ones whom you know that are not yet followers of Jesus. *Write down their names* (family members, friends, co-workers, fellow students, neighbors) and *pray daily for their conversion to Christ*. Ask God to empower you to be impart the hope of Jesus with them.
- Solomon’s theme is *“Life under the sun is absolutely futile”* which is contrasted to a life lived for God’s glory. **Write a prayer to God**, committing yourself to live for His glory and fulfil His purposes for your life.
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