

IN CONCLUSION...WHAT REALLY MATTERS.

ECCLESIASTES 12:9-14

1. What and how we TEACH OTHERS really matters.
2. What and who we READ really matters.
3. What we DO and DECIDE really matters.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When you look back at your life, do you see it as meaningless? What do you think Solomon is trying to get us to understand when he says all of our pursuits are vanity and chasing the wind? Ecc. 1:2 - 3 & 12:7 – 8.
2. Read Phil 3:7 – 9. When you look back at your life since you made the decision to make Jesus your Lord, do you agree with the apostle Paul assessment of life? Do you think it's important to assess your life in this way? What changes should you make in order to count everything but Christ as loss and rubbish?
3. When speaking to others, or answering their questions, have you considered that the words you chose to say are in fact teaching them your philosophy of life? Give some examples of how we all can be better at pointing others to Christ when having a discussion about politics, health, education, work, our family life and etc. Ecc. 12: 9 – 10, Luke 21:33 & Matt. 12:36 - 37.
4. Read Ecc. 12: 11 – 12 Why are words so important? When you consider all the books and on-line literature available to us, what should we be reading and why? Should we try to stay up to date on the latest information? Do you think it's important to keep an open mind when it comes to hearing opposing opinions of the Bible?
5. The final words of Ecc., verses 13 – 14, talks of judgement and fearing and obeying God. Do you consider judgement a negative or a positive thing? When you look toward the end of your life, do you desire a verdict from God?
6. Why should we fear God and obey His commandments? Aren't we as believers in Christ under grace? Do you believe every word you said, everything you let your eyes see, and everything you do will matter when you see God face to face?
7. Read Ephesians 2:1 – 9 and John 3:16 - 18. In the end what will really matter and why? (see also Romans 2:16)