

Live Life with Joy Notes

Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

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Main Point: You are not prepared to live until you are prepared to die.

To fully embrace and appreciate life, we must confront our mortality and understand that life is finite, which can lead to a more meaningful and purposeful existence.

Life is _____ (vs. 1)

1. The phrase “laid to heart” is an emphatic statement, meaning Solomon poured his time and energy into “_____ it all.”
2. “Examine” means “to dig through and _____.”
3. He concludes that nothing befalls the children of God that doesn’t first pass through the hands of _____.
4. He concludes there are things that “man does _____ know” (vs 2).
5. Good things happen to the good and to the _____ (Luke 13:2-3).

Death is _____ (vs 3)

1. Death is _____.
 - Evil is described as the “same event” which happens to _____.
 - Death is the last great _____ (1 Corinthians 15:26, 55).
 - We can enjoy life because we know Jesus Christ has _____ death.
2. _____ is evil (Genesis 6:5).
3. The value of knowing you are going to die is so you can learn to _____.
4. Once you die, your destiny is settled because there will be no more chances to _____.
 - No matter how lost you are, if you’re alive, there is hope for you to be _____ from your sins (vs 6, Hebrews 9:27).
 - No matter how low you are feeling, if you’re alive, there is still hope for you to find a _____ to live (Isaiah 41:10).

Joy is _____ (vs. 7-8)

1. The proper response to death is to treat life as _____ and to live it with joy.
2. The three great blessings for God’s people were grain, oil, and wine.
3. Bread and wine were the _____ of the region.
4. The word “go” has the idea: in light of the life you’ve been given, get up and go _____ it!
5. The word “joy” means “cheerful, _____, celebration, gladness.”
6. The word “merry” refers to being “well-_____.”
7. The saved have God’s approval to take pleasure in the _____ things of life.

8. We don't have to work to earn God's _____ because we already have it.
9. White garments represented joy and _____ (Revelation 7:14).
10. Oil was a fragrant ointment which served like _____ or cologne.
11. If you're married, since life is brief, enjoy it with your _____ (vs. 9, Proverbs 5:18, 18:22).

Eternity is Inescapable (vs. 10)

1. The time to work, _____, and worship is now because when we die, it will be too late.
2. "Might" means, "intensity, _____, and power."
3. Let's make sure we are not being spiritual _____ (Jeremiah 48:10).
4. Sometimes circumstances beyond our control bring misfortune and _____ (vs. 11).
5. If you're a follower of Christ, you have signed up for a long apprenticeship in _____.
6. We are to exercise self-_____ and stay headed in the right direction, no matter how slow we go.
7. The Bible often refers to the Christian life as a _____ that is more like a marathon than a sprint.
8. We must focus on finishing our race as we keep our eyes on the inescapable reality of _____ (vs. 12).
9. The word "suddenly" has the idea of "_____, surprising, all at once" (Luke 21:34-35).

Wisdom is _____

1. The words "wise" or "wisdom" are used seven times in verses 13-18 to show us wisdom is better than _____ or weapons of war.
2. The wisest thing you can do is to tell your younger self to get saved now and choose to _____ Christ every day because you're going to die sooner than you think (Ecclesiastes 12:1).