

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18

As you consider the twists and turns of life under the sun and as you experience...

...that the righteous often suffer and the wicked often prosper (Ecclesiastes 8:14)

...that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong (Ecclesiastes 9:11a)

...that death comes to all men indiscriminately and often suddenly without warning (Ecclesiastes 9:12)

#1 Will you trust God's good providence?

"The providence of God is his purposeful sovereignty by which he will be completely successful in the achievement of his ultimate goal for the universe. God's providence carries his plans into action, guides all things toward his ultimate goal, and leads to the final consummation." -John Piper

#2 Are you putting your hope in the fleeting pleasures of this world rather than in Christ?

1 Timothy 6:17, As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

#3 Will you look to His Word and agree with God that wisdom is better than might (Ecclesiastes 9:16b), better than weapons of war (Ecclesiastes 9:18)?

#4 Will you seek the words of the wise heard in quiet or will you listen to the shouting of a ruler among fools (Ecclesiastes 9:17)?

Proverbs 4:7

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.