

Ecclesiastes 11:5-12:1

Command #1 for Youth to Obey: Rejoice

8a So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; ... 9a Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth.

Reality #1 for Youth to Remember: Days of Darkness Will Be Many

8b but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

Command #2 for Youth to Obey: Walk in the Ways of Your Heart

9b Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes.

Reality #2 for Youth to Remember: Judgement is Coming

9c But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

Command #3 for Youth to Obey: Remove Vexation, Put Away Pain

10a Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body,

Reality #3 for Youth to Remember: Life is Short, but a Breath

10b for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Younger: Are you rejoicing in the life of your youth as a gift from God?

Older: Like Paul, are you straining forward to what lies ahead (Philippians 3:13-14) even as your body and mind weaken?

All: Has your heart been regenerated by the Good News of the person and work of Jesus Christ?

All: Are you walking in the ways of your heart, always remembering you will be judged by God for every deed, every secret thing, whether good or evil (Ecclesiastes 12:14)?