

May 15, 2022 | Pastor Keith Krell  
Ecclesiastes 9:1-12 | “The ‘D’ Word”

### **Sermon Application Review from Ecclesiastes 1 Kings 3:16–28**

In what way(s) did you exercise wisdom and judgment this past week?  
How did you care for those in need?

### **Scripture References**

Ecclesiastes 9:1–12

Hebrews 9:27

James 4:13–17

Psalms 39:4; 90:12

Proverbs 18:22; 19:14

1 Timothy 6:6–10, 17–19

Colossians 3:17, 23–24

### **Study Questions**

1. Are you prepared for trials, tests, and tragedies (9:1)? What gives you the necessary peace and confidence to prepare for these difficult seasons? How does the reality that your deeds are “in the hand of God” comfort you? In what way will this perspective help you live differently?
2. To what degree are you aware of your imminent death (9:3–4)? Do you ignore this reality? What will you do to prepare for your dying day? How can you help others cultivate a healthy outlook on the brevity of life?
3. How are you going to make the most of your uncertain life (9:11–12)? Read Psalms 39:4 and 90:12. How can you keep the sobering realities of these verses always before you? What can you do to remind other believers to live in light of eternity?
4. As a spouse, how do you express your love for your life partner (9:9)? How do you prioritize your spouse in the busyness of life? Read Ephesians 5:22–33.
5. How do you serve the Lord wholeheartedly through your work (9:10)? What specific steps do you take to ensure you have a godly work ethic? Read Colossians 3:17 and 23. How have you put your heart into everything you do, including things you don’t particularly enjoy?

### **Recommended Reading**

Michael E. Wittmer, *The Last Enemy: Preparing to Win the Fight of Your Life* (Our Daily Bread, 2012)

R. C. Sproul, *Surprised by Suffering: The Role of Pain and Death in the Christian Life* (Tyndale, 1994)

Matthew McCullough, *Remember Death: The Surprising Path to Living Hope* (Crossway, 2018)

Nancy Guthrie ed., *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go: Facing Death with Courageous Confidence in God* (Crossway, 2011)

Gary Thomas, *Pure Pleasure: Why Do Christians Feel So Bad About Feeling Good?* (Zondervan, 2009)