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Ecclesiastes: Living Life in Light of Eternity

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•*Ecclesiastes is not the kind of book you curl up with expecting inspiration in the usual sense. It doesn't flatter the reader, doesn't rush to tidy conclusions, and doesn't pretend life is simpler than it is. Instead, it feels like standing on the banks of the Nile at dusk—watching the water flow endlessly past, ancient and unmoved by your ambitions.*

What makes Ecclesiastes compelling is not its pessimism, but its mercy. It refuses to let us pretend that productivity equals meaning or that success guarantees joy. It exposes the thinness of our illusions so that something truer might emerge.

Ecclesiastes is grace disguised as winter.

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12:1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, I have no pleasure in them; 2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, 3 in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, 4 and the doors on the street are shut—when the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low—5 they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets— 6 before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, 7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

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Big Idea:

The way to enjoy life rightly is to remember the God who gave it.

Enjoy the gift. Remember the Giver. Live for what lasts.



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“Enjoy what God has given you, in the presence of God, under the authority of God.”



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Joy detached from God becomes self-destruction.



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Life is not something you earned. It is something you received. It's a gift.



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“You are not the owner of your life—you are the executor of an estate. Imagine someone tasked with distributing an inheritance, but as they hand it out, they begin to act as though it all came from them.”

William Gurnall



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Remove what poisons joy. Not by denial—but by Perspective



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APPLICATION

- 1. Practice present gratitude.** Ask yourself:
 - *What is sweet in my life right now that I am overlooking?*
(Don't wait for a future season to start enjoying what God has already given.)
- 2. Hold joy with humility.** Enjoy your life—but don't build your identity on it. Ask:
 - *Am I enjoying this... or depending on this?*
- 3. Live with awareness of God.** Not fear that paralyzes—but awareness that anchors. Before major decisions ask, *What is the wise thing to do—before God?*



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v. 1 **Remember** also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, I have no pleasure in them;

Don't wait until life falls apart to think about God.

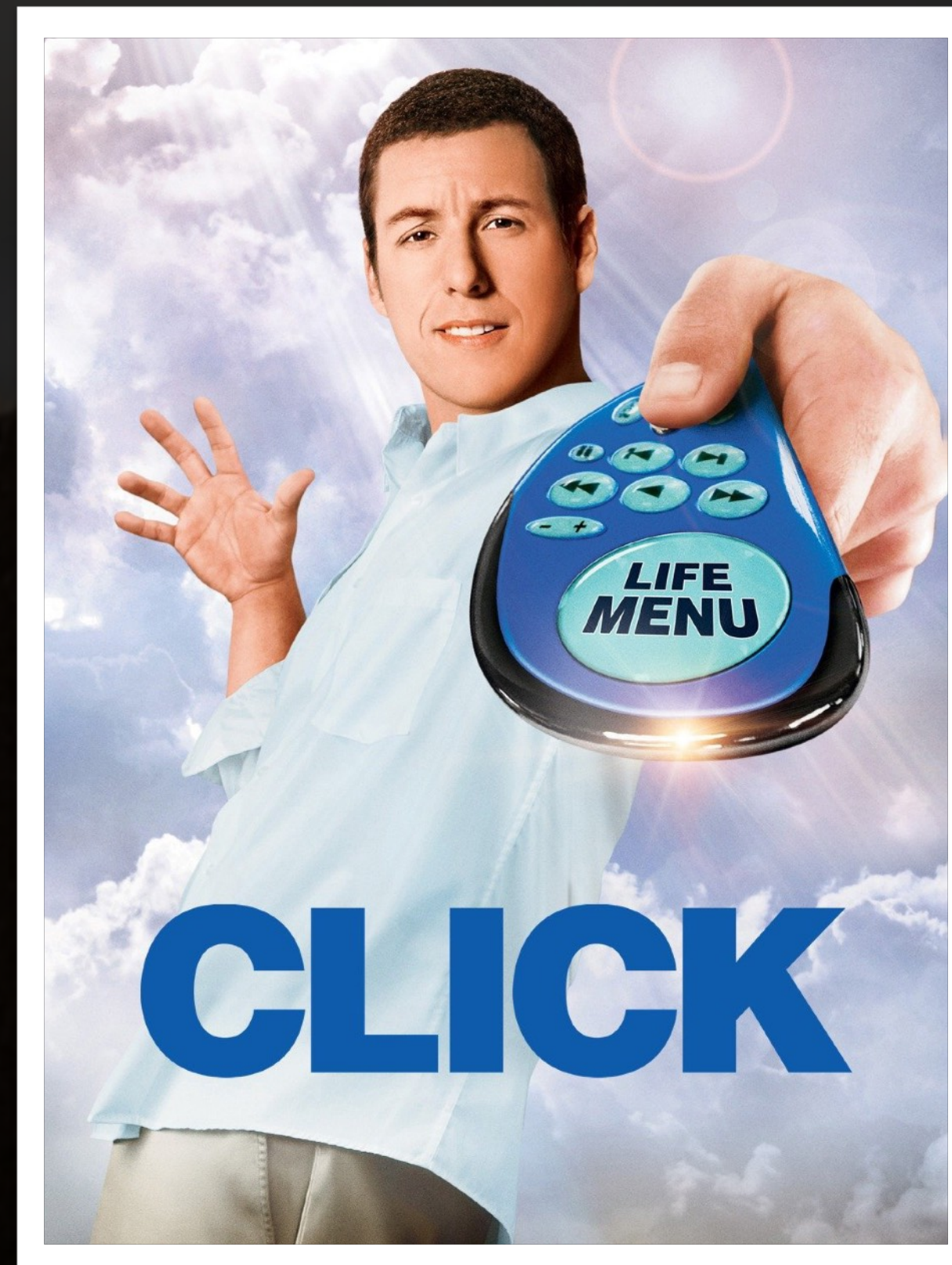


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You are not just passing time...Time is passing you.



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1. Don't delay spiritual seriousness. Ask:

- *What am I postponing spiritually that I already know is important?*

2. Build rhythms that outlast your current season.

Your location may change. Your job may change. Your community may change.

But your walk with God must not be seasonal.

3. Let limits clarify your priorities.

Instead of resenting limits (time, energy, aging), receive them as *guidance*.

Ask: What is the wise thing to do, given that my life is not unlimited?



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Thesis

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3 What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?

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Conclusion

Life is short.

Enjoy the gift of it.

But don't forget the One who gave it.

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