

“Thinking Right About Death”

Hebrews 11:10 (NIV)

Ecclesiastes 7:1-4

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I. Solomon struggled with thinking right about _____.

❖ Solomon struggled because of how he _____ about death.

❖ How you think about death will affect how you _____.

II. There are two ways to think about death.

1. Seeing death as the final _____.

2. Seeing death as the future _____.

III. We are to live in the _____ but with our eye on the _____.

“For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.”

❖ Solomon saw death as the great _____!

“If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.”

1 Corinthians 15:19 (NIV)

IV. Many people are like Solomon living only in the _____ because they are not living in view of the _____.

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

Romans 8:18 (NIV)

V. Who you really _____ is more important than what you _____ to be.

“A good name is better than fine perfume,”

Ecclesiastes 7:1a (NIV)

“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

- VI. Death for the believer in God means an end to all the _____ and it means a _____ for all the good.

“... and the day of death better than the day of birth.”

Ecclesiastes 7:1b (NIV)

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.”

Philippians 1:21-24 (NIV)

- VII. It's important to face the reality of _____ so we will know how to _____.

“It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart.”

Ecclesiastes 7:2 (NIV)

- VIII. It is better to recognize our _____ for God rather than to try and _____ from him.

“Sorrow is better than laughter, because a sad face is good for the heart.”

Ecclesiastes 7:3 (NIV)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

Matthew 5:3-4 (NIV)

““From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So, they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when I punish them,” says the LORD.”

Jeremiah 6:13-15 (NIV)

- IX. 2 reasons it's wise to think about the reality of death.
1. It helps you to order your _____ in view of your _____.

“Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

James 4:13-15 (NIV)

2. A place of mourning is a great place of

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