

# Ecclesiastes #16

"Redeeming the Days"

Investigating the meaning of life, by Pastor Jason on 3-3-24

**Text: Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:8**

## Some Rules to Live By:

1. Be smart: SPREAD IT OUT (11:1-2)
2. Get perspective: God's in CONTROL (11:3)
3. Keep moving: Don't be IDLE (11:4)
4. Life is a gift: ENJOY IT (11:5-8)
5. Don't dwell: PUT AWAY PAIN (11:9-10)

## Remember your Creator! (12:1-8)

1. Time is SHORT
2. Praise Him in EVERY SEASON
3. Prepare for ETERNITY

Eph. 5:11, 15-21 "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ... Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, **making the best use of the time**, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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And become passionate followers of Christ.*

## TOGETHER GROUP QUESTIONS

Read **Ecclesiastes 11:1-10**. Have each group member share one verse or nugget of wisdom from chapter 11 that sticks out to them and why.

How would you define the word idleness? In what areas of life do you find yourself being idle? What are some good safeguards for staying away from idleness?

Ecc. 11:10 says to remove vexation from your heart and put away pain from your body. What are some things you are annoyed, frustrated, or worried about? How can we move away from obsession or excess of that kind of thinking, instead moving towards a godly mindset and contentment in all situations?

Chapter 12:1-8 talks about us remembering our Creator in the midst of everything we know fading away. If time is short, what is the number one thing you are wasting time on?

What is one thing you'd like to do before you die? What is one spiritual thing that you'd like to do or put into practice before you die?

Read Ephesians 5:15-21 out loud. What are a couple ways we (or specifically you personally) can make the best use of our time?