

**ADVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM AN OLDER PERSON**  
**Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8**

**1. Every day is a gift; appreciate it**

*Truly the light is sweet,  
And it is pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun;  
But if a man lives many years  
And rejoices in them all,  
Yet let him remember the days of darkness,  
For they will be many.  
All that is coming is vanity. (11:7-8)*

**2. Youth is temporary; enjoy it**

*Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,  
And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth;  
Walk in the ways of your heart,  
And in the sight of your eyes;. (11:9)*

**3. Choices have consequences; remember it**

*But know that for all these  
God will bring you into judgment.  
Therefore remove sorrow from your heart,  
And put away evil from your flesh,  
For childhood and youth are vanity. (11:9-10)*

**4. Old age brings difficulty; expect it**

*Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,  
Before the difficult days come, (12:1)*

**5. Eternity is forever; prepare for it**

*Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed,  
Or the golden bowl is broken,*

*Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain,  
Or the wheel broken at the well.  
Then the dust will return to the earth as it was,  
And the spirit will return to God who gave it. (12:6-7)*