

Advantages of Surrendering to Christ in the ***Prime of Life***

Ecclesiastes 12
(Concluding chapter)



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Introduction

1. King Solomon addresses themes of vanity, uncertainty, and divine sovereignty in the human experience in the first eleven chapters.
2. In chapter 12, he urges surrender to God during the youth stage of life.
3. Solomon supports this counsel by providing several reasons for remembering God early in life.

Why in the prime?

1. It's the most productive stage of life for the sake of God.
2. Before the difficult days come

Ecclesiastes 12:1

**Remember now your Creator
in the days of your youth,**

**Before the difficult days come,
And the years draw near when
you say, "I have no pleasure in
them":**

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*Why in the
prime?*

2. Before the difficult days come

2. While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened, And the clouds do not return after the rain;
3. In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down; When the grinders cease because they are few, And those that look through the windows grow dim;

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*Why in the
prime?*

3. Before the difficult days come

4. When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low.
5. Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way; When the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden, And desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, And the mourners go about the streets.

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*Why in the
prime?*

4. Because
death will
follow the
difficult days

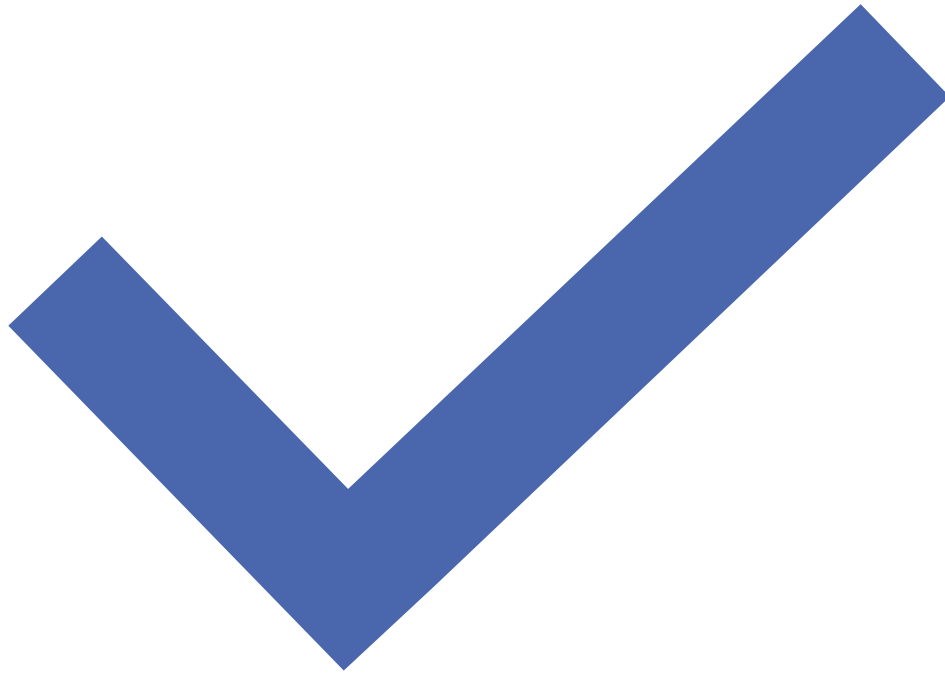
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shattered at the fountain, Or the
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7. Then the dust will return to the earth
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8. "Vanity of vanities," says the
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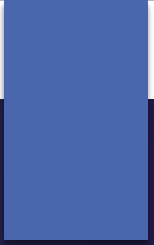
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prime?*

5. Would have
enjoyed a
long-standing
relationship
before time
of death

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