



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Keys to a Fulfilling Life**
Series: **Chasing the Wind**
Text: **Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14**
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Big Idea: A fulfilling life is not something you chase. It is something you receive — by remembering your Creator, revering Him, and living the way He tells you to live.

I will finally be satisfied when _____.

An OLD MAN'S ADVICE TO THE YOUNG

"everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun."

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"Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun.

*However many years anyone may live, **let them enjoy them all**. But let them **remember the days of darkness**, for there will be many. Everything to come is meaningless.*

*You who are young, **be happy while you are young**, and **let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth**.*

***Follow the ways of your heart** and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things **God will bring you into judgment**. (Ecclesiastes 11:7–10)*

- JUDGEMENT IS _____ NEWS NOT BAD NEWS!
- _____ YOUR LIFE - AND YOUR LIFE IS _____

THREE KEYS TO A FULFILLED LIFE

KEY #1 REMEMBER YOUR _____

"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them.'"
(Ecclesiastes 12:1)

The Question go from “**what can I get out of this life?**” To “**what was I made for?**”

"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, **what is mankind that you are mindful of them**, human beings that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:3–4)

• **LEADS TO A GOD _____ LIFE**

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SOLOMON WRITES A POEM ABOUT _____ AGE: BEFORE THE LIGHTS GO OUT.

"Remember him — before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and **the spirit returns to God who gave it.**" (Ecclesiastes 12:6–7)

KEY #2. _____ GOD

"Now all has been heard; **here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God** and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

"Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that **the fear of God will be with you** to keep you from sinning." (Exodus 20:20)

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS A _____!

"For God will bring every deed into judgment, including **every hidden thing**, whether it is **good or evil.**" (Ecclesiastes 12:14)

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS NOT INTENDED TO MAKE YOU _____!

"Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria **enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord** and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers." (Acts 9:31)

KEY #3 KEEP HIS _____

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TWO REASONS WE DON'T KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS

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JESUS SAID, "If you love me, keep my commands." (John 14:15) "Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching." (John 14:24)