



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Loving the Limits of Life**
Series: **Chasing the Wind**
Text: **Ecclesiastes 7:1-25**
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Big Idea: Life has many limitations. Learning to accept your limitations and face the invitation of eternity will reduce your frustrations and help you live a life of wisdom.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU HIT YOUR LIMITS?

OPTION #1 - _____

OPTION #2 - _____

Wisdom is the _____ of living well inside a broken world, under the hand of God.

Read Ecclesiastes 7

SO HOW DO YOU LEARN TO LOVE YOUR LIMITS?

1. ACCEPT THE _____ TO LIVE WITH ETERNITY IN MIND.

*A good name is better than fine perfume, and **the day of death better than the day of birth.***

*It is better to go to **a house of mourning** than to go to **a house of feasting**, for death is the destiny of every man; the living should **take this to heart.** (Ec 7:1-2).*

- _____ is the ultimate limitation!

The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure. (Ec 7:4).

- GO TO A _____
- GO TO A _____

*Like the **crackling of thorns under the pot**, so is the laughter of fools. (Ec 7:6).*

2. LIVE _____ WITHIN THE LIMITS

- _____ - "Extortion turns a wise man into a fool, and a bribe corrupts the heart." (Ec 7:7).
- _____ - "The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and **patience** is better than pride". (Ec 7:8)
- _____ - "Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for **anger resides** in the lap of fools." (Ec 7:9).
- _____ - Do not say, "**Why were the old days better than these?**" For it is not wise to ask such questions. (Ec 7:10).

Nostalgia lies in a very particular way: IT _____!

THE TURN: HOW CAN YOU ACTUALLY _____ THE LIMITS?

Consider what God has done: **Who can straighten what he has made crooked?** When times are good, **be happy**; but when times are bad, **consider** this: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, no one can discover anything about their future. (Ec. 7:13-14)

- **SOMETHINGS IN YOUR _____ YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FIX.**

TWO COMMANDS

i. **WHEN TIMES ARE GOOD:** _____

ii. **WHEN TIMES ARE BAD:** _____

THE LAST LIMITATION: _____ ITSELF

"All this I tested by wisdom and I said, '**I am determined to be wise**' — but this was beyond me. Whatever exists is far off and most profound — who can discover it?" (Ec. 7:23)

WISDOM IS NOT SOMETHING YOU GET. IT'S _____ YOU TRUST.

Where then does wisdom come from? Where does understanding dwell? It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing, concealed even from the birds in the sky.

Destruction and Death say, "Only a rumor of it has reached our ears." **God understands the way to it and he alone knows where it dwells.** (Job 28:20-23)