

SHIFTING GEARS

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Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

I. SUNDAY DRIVE SLOWS YOU DOWN TO THINK ABOUT WHAT DRIVES YOU.

1.) We all share a common destiny – death.

Ecclesiastes 9:2-3 All share a common destiny—the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad, the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not. As it is with the good, so with the sinful; as it is with those who take oaths, so with those who are afraid to take them. This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. The hearts of people, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead.

- *Everything that we accomplish under the sun is meaningless in the end.*

2.) If you are alive, then, there is still hope!

Ecclesiastes 9:4 Anyone who is among the living has hope—even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!

- It's better to be a living dog than a dead lion.

3.) Enjoy the life you have while you still have it!

Ecclesiastes 9:7-9 Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for God has already approved what you do. Always be clothed in white, and always anoint your head with oil. Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun—all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun.

- *We are so driven to be successful one day that we never slow down to enjoy the successes of the present day.*

Ecclesiastes 9:12 Moreover, no one knows when their hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so people are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them.

4.) So how can I find meaning in this meaningless life?

A. We need to stop and evaluate what drives us.

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- Our work under the sun only matters in light of Jesus' work on the cross.
- Does your Sunday Drive drive you the rest of the week?

B. God is calling some of us today to shift in this drive of life.

1. Up until today you might approach Sunday as a time of observation of the work of God but now is the time to shift into the gear of participation!
2. No longer are you working for what is under the sun, but you are working for the Son of God.
3. You are working towards a goal that makes a difference in light of eternity.
 - Some of you might be an observer. It's time to shift into becoming a worker.
 - Some of you might be workers. It's time to shift into becoming leaders.
 - Some of you might be leaders. It's time to shift into become a leader who builds leaders.