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Life Gone Wild

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“Life is Short – Play Hard!”

(Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:8)

Sprinting toward the finish line of both his life and this book, Solomon as a remorseful burned out old man urges us to seek God while we are young and stick close to Him all of our days. Age is an unstoppable reality. How does a person get the most out of life before time runs out?

LIFE IS SHORT...

Verses 11:1-6

Engage it Aggressively. (Eccl. 7:18; 2 Cor. 9:6; Gal. 6:9)

- ✓ Be diversified in your investments. (vv1-2)
- ✓ Be diligent in your involvement. (vv3-6)

Verses 11:7-8

Experience Each Day Fully. (Ps. 39:4, 90:12; Phil. 4:6-8)

Verses 11:9-10

Enjoy Your Youth Honorably. (1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:22)

Verses 12:1-2

Encounter God Wholeheartedly. (Ps. 16:2, 8, 11)

Verses 12:3-8

Embrace Your Age Gracefully. (Pro. 16:31; Ps. 92:12-14; Isa. 46:4)



Growing

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1) What's something you've done which involved a great deal of risk? What are the consequences of failing to take spiritual risks in the life of faith? What is Solomon encouraging in verses 11:1-6?

2) What does it mean to experience each day fully? How well are you doing? How do these verses help us to do that? (Ps. 39:4, 90:12; Phil. 4:6-8)

3) Read 11:9. How does this verse reveal the heart of God toward youth? Does this mean sowing your wild oats? Explain. What is Paul's advice to young Timothy? (1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:22)

4) What kind of relationship with God does the word "remember" imply (12:1, 6)? What can happen if I don't remember the Creator in the days of my youth? (Deut. 8:18-20)

5) How well are you doing in embracing your age gracefully? What do these verses say about aging? (Pro. 16:31; Ps. 92:12-14; Isa. 46:4) What is the most important lesson you have learned through this study? Take time to talk to God about it.