

Study Guide on Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7, 13 [14]

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

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(Ecclesiastes 11:9) Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

(Ecclesiastes 11:10) Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

(Ecclesiastes 12:1) Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no pleasure in them";

(Ecclesiastes 12:2) before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain;

(Ecclesiastes 12:3) in the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly;

(Ecclesiastes 12:4) when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low;

(Ecclesiastes 12:5) when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets;

(Ecclesiastes 12:6) before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern,

(Ecclesiastes 12:7) and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it.

(Ecclesiastes 12:13) The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone.

(Ecclesiastes 12:14) For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil. [*Not included in the actual Bible lesson, but this truth is the last verse of the Book of Ecclesiastes.*]

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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