

SATISFIED

Part 7

How To Be Truly Satisfied

Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:14

FOUR ACTIONS WILL ENABLE A SATISFIED LIFE

1. CHOOSE JOY!

However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all.
Ecclesiastes 1:8a

Be happy, young man, 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.

Ecclesiastes 11:9a

So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body

Ecclesiastes 11:10a

- "I'm waiting until I have the things I've always wanted."
- "I'm waiting for a person to fulfill my life."
- "I'm waiting until I have achieved my goals and realized my dreams."

Chuck Swindoll writes, "It was a great moment in my life when I realized that life was meant to be enjoyed rather than simply endured."

Let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart

Ecclesiastes 11:9

2. EXPECT TROUBLE!

However many years anyone may live, let them enjoy them all. But let them remember the days of darkness, for there will be many.

Ecclesiastes 11:8

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

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

3. EMBRACE WISDOM!

Not only was the Teacher wise, but he also imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. The Teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was upright and true.

The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails—given by one shepherd. Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them.

Ecclesiastes 12:9-11

4. EXTEEM 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. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

TWO RESPONSES

- Fear God
- Keep His Commandments

WHY?

- It is our duty (This is the whole of what it means to be human)
- God is going to judge everyone

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:13