

(Based on Ecclesiastes 11:8)

“Indeed, if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many. Everything to come is vanity.”

*Ecclesiastes 11:8 (ESV)*

Solomon, the wisest king who ever lived—renowned for his unmatched wealth and wisdom—spoke these words. He understood life from every stage: childhood, youth, adulthood, and old age. In his reflections recorded in the book of Ecclesiastes, he urges both the young and the old to enjoy life, but also to live with eternal accountability in mind.

“Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes; but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.”

Ecclesiastes 11:9 (NKJV)

The Enjoyment of Life is Good, but Judgment is Certain

God has blessed you with beauty, intelligence, strength, education, wealth, and talents. These are gifts to be enjoyed, but they are also stewardships for which you will give an account (cf. Luke 12:48 — “To whom much is given, much will be required”).

If you’re using your youth to indulge in immorality, immodesty, bribery, or adultery, know this: God sees.

If you’re using your resources for corruption, exploiting others, or building a life on deceit, God is watching.

If you’re embracing modern-day pleasures like drinking, smoking, clubbing, and rejecting biblical values, remember: you will face judgment.

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

Ecclesiastes 12:14

### The Days of Darkness Are Coming

When Solomon refers to the “days of darkness,” he means not just physical death but also the time when joy and opportunity are gone. For the believer, these could mean times of hardship or even eternal separation from God if one lived without repentance.

The Book of Life will be opened (cf. Revelation 20:12), and every action, word, and motive will be examined. Nothing will be hidden.

“Then I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.”

Revelation 20:12

This is why Solomon reminds us: Rejoice, yes—but remember.

## Not Everything That Glitters Is Gold

In today's world:

Not every business opportunity is from God.

Not every relationship is righteous.

Not every fashion trend is modest.

Not every friend is a godly influence.

"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"

1 Corinthians 15:33

Before marrying someone, ask:

Is this person truly born again?

Have they left a previous spouse without biblical cause?

Will they help or hinder my walk with God?

“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”

Hebrews 13:4

And concerning friends, if they are drunkards, fornicators, or thieves, be cautious. You may be judged for participating in or tolerating their sin.

“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 6:17

It is better to lack worldly success but gain eternal life, than to have it all and perish eternally.

“Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind.”

Ecclesiastes 4:6

How to Be Ready for Judgment Day

If you are not yet saved, now is the time to repent and surrender your life to Jesus Christ.

### 1. Repent from the Heart

Genuine repentance is not merely saying a prayer—it is a deep, heartfelt turning away from sin and surrendering to Christ.

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret.”

2 Corinthians 7:10

## 2. Be Baptized Biblically

After true repentance, you must be baptized by full immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:38

## 3. Live a Spirit-Filled Life

The Holy Spirit will empower and guide you until the final day of redemption.

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Ephesians 4:30

Final Appeal

Let us be wise and live our days in light of eternity. Youth, wealth, beauty, and success are fleeting. But the judgment of God is sure. Don't wait until it's too late. Give your life to Christ today—while it is still called “today.”

“Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”

Hebrews 3:15



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Amen. Be blessed.

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