

DON'T WASTE YOUR JOY

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them"; 2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, 3 in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those who look through the windows are dimmed, 4 and the doors on the street are shut-when 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- 5 they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets- 6 before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, 7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity.

We can enjoy each and every time of life when we live in remembrance of the One who gives us life

1. NOW: Rejoice in Life by Living for the One Who Gave it.

Ecclesiastes 11- 12:1, Deuteronomy 8:2-7,

Are you taking youthful life and health for granted? How does that need to change?

How is the desire for independence both arrogant and impossible?

2. LATER: Rejoice in Life by Living for the One Who Gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:2-5, 11:7, Romans 8:28-29, Colossians 1:15-20, 1 John 4:10, Philippians 2:3-4, Galatians 6:2

Are you experiencing any of the aging challenges in the list of Ecc. 12:2-5? Which ones?

How would you rate and explain your own willingness to give up on your own plans to love and support someone else suffering from aging?

3. BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE: Rejoice in Life by Living for the One Who Gave it?

Ecclesiastes 12:6-8, John 1:1-14, Colossians 1:15-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

How does the word "before" impact your urgency to remember Christ in your life?

Church Announcements

- Wednesday Series –7pm Zoom The Apostles' Creed
- Tuesday special church prayer time: 8:30pm Zoom.
- Sunday School: children's classes: 8:30am Zoom.

Special Request

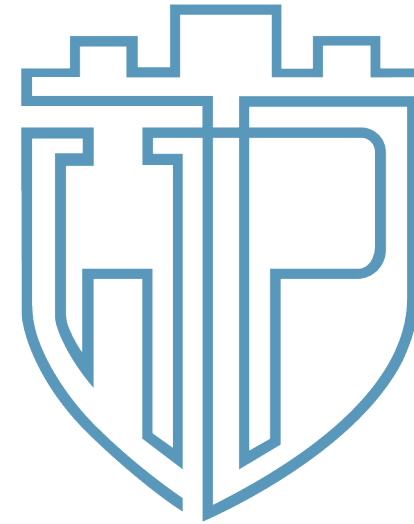
- Pray for your neighbors, friends and family who need Jesus.
- Pray for our Government leaders as they discern new Covid19 cases
- Pray for Bill's medical treatment and recovery.

Giving Information

Traditional Giving: A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

Online Giving: Visit www.HPBaptist.org/give and click the "Give" button to setup an account on Planning Center.

Text Giving: Text your gift amount to 84321 and follow the prompts.



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