

How to Live While Young - Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:8

Topics: Age, Death, Future, God, Life, Opportunities, Risk, Youth

Open It

1. Why do people want to know the future?
2. Of what opportunities have you failed to take advantage? Why?
3. What sort of risks are you afraid of taking?
- * 4. What is the worst thing to you about getting old?

Explore It

5. What central theme did Solomon develop in these verses? (11:1-12:8)
6. What conclusions did Solomon draw about life? (11:1-12:8)
7. What did Solomon tell his readers to do? (11:1)
8. What sort of person did Solomon criticize? (11:4)
9. What is beyond our understanding? (11:5)
10. Why did Solomon tell his readers to keep busy? (11:6)
11. What do we need to keep in mind? Why? (11:8)
- * 12. What advice did Solomon have for the young? (11:9)
- * 13. When should we take pains to remember our Creator? (12:1)
- * 14. How did Solomon describe old age? (12:2-5)
15. How did Solomon symbolize death? (12:6-7)
16. What did Solomon conclude is meaningless? (12:8)

Get It

17. How do the uncertainties of the future make you feel?
18. How should we live in light of the uncertainties of the future?
19. What prevents you from taking calculated risks in life?
20. Why is it important to establish a relationship with God when we are young?
- * 21. In what way is it easy to forget our Creator?
- * 22. What can we do to keep our accountability to God in mind?
23. Why is it easier to enjoy life when we are young than when we become old?
24. How does the reality of aging affect you?
25. How should we live our life in light of the reality of death?
26. In what sense is life meaningless?
27. How should we respond to the seemingly meaningless aspects of life?

Apply It

28. What first step can you take to pursue an opportunity that you have put off?
- * 29. What is something you can do this week to remind yourself of God's place in your life?
30. Whether young or old what is something you will do today to enjoy the life God has given you?