

Ecclesiastes

The Search for Meaning

Destiny

Ecclesiastes 8:10-9:10

1) Life is too confusing to figure out. (8:10-17)

2) Death is too real to ignore. (9:1-6)

3) "Today" is God's gift to you. (9:7-10)

- Embrace today's simple pleasures.
- Celebrate the ordinary.
- Love your spouse - now.
- Do your best – always.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Read Ecclesiastes 8, especially looking at verses 1 and 17. What are the benefits of wisdom and what are the limitations?
- 2) Read Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes 9:1. Is it possible for a person to ensure that good will come to them because they are righteous or wise? See Romans 11:33-36.
- 3) How are you receiving God's gift of "today"? See 9:7-10. What comfort zones would you have to cross to receive the fullness of God's gift?
- 4) What are you doing halfway? Make a decision to go all in today and share that decision with someone.



Memory Verse
Ecclesiastes 9:7

"Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for it is now that God favors what you do."