

Ecclesiastes

The Search for Meaning

Your Day in the Sun

Ecclesiastes 11

1. Just do it! (Wisely)

- Invest your resources.
- Invest your life.

2. Just enjoy it! (Righteously)

- There's no time like the present.
- You're not getting any younger.
- Follow your heart.
- Carpe Diem!

“Be bullish ‘cause life’s a bear!”

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) In what ways have you “cast your bread upon the water?” Is there anything that God has called you to “reach for” that you are holding back because of fear? How has God “reached for” us?
- 2) In light of the uncertainty of life, what advice does Solomon give in verses 2 and 6? How does he advise us to minimize the risk? Do you have your “eggs” in one basket?
- 3) Solomon seems to agree with the common slogan, “Follow your heart.” How does Solomon define this idea differently than the culture? (See 11:9)
- 4) How do you banish anxiety and cast off trouble? See Psalm 46:8-11; Phil. 4:4-9; 1 Peter 5:6-11. What role does the gospel play in helping us live a life of courage and hope?

Memory Verse
Ecclesiastes 11:10

“So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigor are meaningless.”