

# Meaningless!

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

- Honour and enjoy your Creator while you're still young,
- Before the years take their toll and your vigour wanes,
- Before your vision dims and the world blurs
- And the winter years keep you close to the fire.

- In old age, your body no longer serves you so well. Muscles slacken, grip weakens, joints stiffen.
- The shades are pulled down on the world. You can't come and go at will. Things grind to a halt.
- The hum of the household fades away. You are wakened now by bird-song.
- Hikes to the mountains are a thing of the past. Even a stroll down the road has its terrors.
- Your hair turns apple-blossom white, Adorning a fragile and impotent matchstick body
- Yes, you're well on your way to eternal rest, While your friends make plans for your funeral.

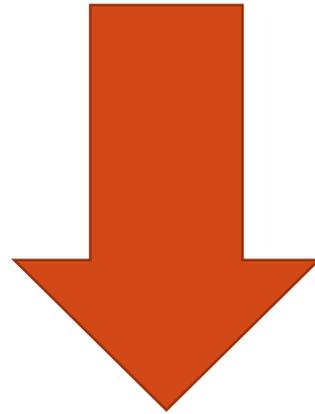
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Ecclesiastes 12:8

- Life, lovely while it lasts, is soon over.
- Life as we know it, precious and beautiful, ends.
- The body is put back in the same ground it came from.
- The spirit returns to God, who first breathed it.

# Spiritual Neglect



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1. *Remember your Creator.*

*Remember him* while you are still young.  
Think about him before your times of trouble come.  
The years will come when you will say,  
“I don’t find any pleasure in them.”

2. *That’s when the sunlight will become dark.*

*The moon and the stars will also grow dark.  
And the clouds will return after it rains.*

3. *Remember your Creator before* those who guard the house tremble with old age.

*That’s when strong men will be bent over.  
The women who grind grain will stop because there are so few of them left.  
Those who look through the windows won’t be able to see very well.*

4. *Remember your Creator before* the front doors are closed.

*That’s when the sound of grinding will fade away.  
Old people will rise up when they hear birds singing.  
But they will barely hear any of their songs.*

- <sup>5</sup> **Remember him before** you become fearful of falling and worry about danger in the streets; before your hair turns white like an almond tree in bloom, and you drag along without energy like a dying grasshopper, and the caperberry no longer inspires sexual desire when the mourners will weep at your funeral.
- <sup>6</sup> **Yes, remember your Creator** now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don't wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring and the pulley is broken at the well.  
<sup>7</sup> For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.
- <sup>8</sup> "Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless."

# Life -Lessons

- **Spiritual- Neglect** is not a good thing especially in old age ... with death staring you in right in the face!
- **Spiritual- Neglect Myth..** I can think about spiritual stuff when I'm old and grey and have plenty time of my hands !
- **Wrong** you don't want to end up old and spiritually bankrupt
- **Spiritual- Investing..** start investing early and continue to invest throughout your life to cope with your mortality
- **Avoid Spiritual Neglect ...**at all costs

