

Ephesians 5:15-17
Ecclesiastes 11-12:8



Use the days of your life wisely.

How to live wisely:

1. ACT in spite of the unknown.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6, James 4:13-15, 2 Corinthians 9:6



How to live wisely:

- 1. ACT in spite of the unknown.
- 2.LIVE in spite of getting old.

Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8, Proverbs 20:29, 1 Timothy 4:8



Imagery in Ecclesiastes 12:3

- Keepers of the house = arms and hands
- Strong men = legs and back
- Grinders = teeth
- Windows = eyesight



Imagery in Ecclesiastes 12:4

- Doors to the street = mouth or possibly hearing
- Sound of grinding = ability to eat/chew
- Sound of birds = early wake up time
- Faint songs = loss of hearing



Imagery in Ecclesiastes 12:5

- Almond tree blossoms = white hair
- Grasshopper = end of its life cycle
- Desire = Sexual or nonsexual passions
- Eternal home = the grave



Ecclesiastes 12:1-2 The Message

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



Ecclesiastes 12:3-5 The Message

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.



Ecclesiastes 12:3-5 The Message

The hum of the household fades away.

You are wakened now by birdsong.

Hikes to the mountains are a thing of the past.

Even a stroll down the road has its terrors.



Ecclesiastes 12:3-5 The Message

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."



Use the days of your life wisely.

Challenge:

Don't take your opportunities for granted. ACT TODAY!

Don't take your life for granted. LIVE TODAY!



