



08.21.16 | AGING WELL | ECCLESIASTES 12:1-8

1. AGING WELL INCLUDES PUTTING JESUS CHRIST FIRST IN YOUR LIFE, TODAY.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2

Matthew 6:33

2. AGING WELL INCLUDES GRACEFULLY HANDLING LIFE'S LIMITATIONS.

Ecclesiastes 12:3-6

3. AGING WELL INCLUDES PREPARING TO RETURN TO GOD.

Ecclesiastes 12:7-8

Hebrews 9:27-28

FURTHER STUDY

1. Read Eccl. 12:1-2. We all have things in our past that we would have done differently if given a second chance. For aging Christians it is common to regret not having done more for God. Why do you think the author of Ecclesiastes is urging us to think more of our Creator while we are young?
2. How might someone without a faith in God read this differently than someone who does believe? How is this advice relevant to both?
3. The reality and inevitability of death is not only a common theme in this book, but is also common for authors and artists of all genres today as well. Why do you think people are so enamored with this subject and why might others avoid the subject altogether?
4. Read Eccl. 12:2-8. The author here gives us a running list of metaphors for aging and death. How might your life change if you didn't fear death or dread the final season of life?
5. In what ways do you value youth or youthfulness over aging? Why?
6. What would need to change in your life or your mind to help you better value aging and find joy in the return of your soul to God?
7. Read 2 Cor. 5:1-10. How is Paul's perspective different from that of our culture? How is it different from your perspective?

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