



LEARNING TO LIVE

By Preparing to Die

Lessons from Ecclesiastes

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The Chief End of Man Ecclesiastes 12:11-14

Realities about God's Word:

- God's Word guides and guards us.
- God's Word anchors us.
- God's Word has one author and origin.
- God's Word is our lens to the world.

The chief purpose of mankind is to fear God and keep His commandments because every deed will be brought before the Lord for judgment.

1. What is the chief end of man?

Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

2. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him?

The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy Him.

- *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Other Scripture:

Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:8-9; Hebrews 6:13-20

Further Study

Read: Ecclesiastes 12:11-14 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.