

Wisdom of Life Part B (Bilingual)

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Solomon who as an old and wise man suggested eleven points of wisdom which you needed in order to live in a society

who are young be happy while you are young and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth

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the author does encourage everyone to not waste their youth and be satisfied

When the keepers of the house tremble
And the strong men stoop
When the grinders cease
Because they are few
And those looking through the windows
Grow dim
When the doors of the streets are closed
And the sound of the grinding fades
When people rise up at the sound of birds
But all their songs grow faint

So this is describing how when you grow old When you are strong You will grow weak And you won't be able to see Clearly And you're very old So as you probably know When you're young You always lack sleep But when you're old You wake up at the break of dawn And you're wide awake And you can't even sing Clearly anymore I've been talking about himself I don't know

[14:29] When people are afraid of heights And of dangers in the streets When the almond tree blossoms And a grasshopper Drags itself along And desire no longer is stirred Then people go to the eternal home And mourners go about the streets Remember him Before the silver cord is severed And the golden ball is broken So this is talking about how in the end everything is broken And our bodies deteriorate And ultimately return to the soil In verse 12

In chapter 12:1-8 Solomon points out two things The first thing is The best thing in life is to be able to walk with God serve God and remember God And the most frightening thing in life was old age death And because by then you cannot do anything That is why he tells young people that While they are still fit And have not grown old To enjoy the joys of walking with God

Maybe today Some of you are touched And want to serve God more But although you may have this kind of feeling You are waiting Why are you waiting Because you're too busy working Too busy with school Or too busy doing other things But and also Some people want to read The Bible more Pray more And draw closer to God But they're always delaying it Why are you delaying it Is it only when you retire And you cannot even walk That you would then go serve God

Is it when you cannot even see clearly And then you will go read the Bible In the New Testament There was a girl called Mary Who offered her most precious bottle of perfume To Jesus To wash His feet Maria When the other disciples saw what she was doing They were all complaining about what she was doing and how expensive that perfume was But instead Jesus' reply Was that what the girl was doing Was a wonderful thing

It was not a wonderful thing Simply because of how expensive The perfume was But it was because What the girl was doing Was in the right time Because Jesus was soon to be put on the cross and die And while this young girl could still see Jesus face to face She took this opportunity to offer her best to God So Today What is your most precious thing that you have Think about What is the most precious thing you have right now

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And God is a just God And He would judge everything. So the author fears God Because he sees just how powerful God is And people just had to Obey Him. That's why he said This is the duty of all mankind And now. However In the era of the New Testament As Christians for us Our feelings for God Should surpass Feelings which the author had for God. Because he only saw how powerful And how mysterious God was.

But we saw God's love and grace That was given to us through
Jesus To the author God is a just
God But to us God is not simply A just
God But a God of love And grace And his grace and love was shown to us in a time when we were
still sinful and did not even know him yet And he sent his son Jesus to be crucified on the
cross for our sins Therefore every Christian needs to
fear God and obey his
commands

It is not simply because God is just so much more powerful than us but because we want to respond to God's love for us and fear and obey him. So in the from the last talk and today we can see that Solomon's views on life can be put into two groups. The first part is how people should live in society in order to be wise people. So you need to have healthy relationships.

[25 : 45] Think before you act to be careful of your language and to have positive encouragement in your language and it's very important to have a good leader among people and number seven talks about how we can pursue dreams and things in our lives but don't be over the top and don't cross the line that God has given us in life we need to understand about investments or doing good deeds so it's talking about how God has blessed us each with different talents and abilities and we should not just keep this to ourselves but actually share it to other people so you don't put all your eggs in one basket and to know your limits and if you don't know you know your limit then you become proud and arrogant card so these are the wisdom that you need to be able to live in a human society the first one is to be accountable for your own actions and also to remember God whilst you were young and the third one is to fear God and keep his commandments

Jesus said that he came into this world not to make the old testament laws obsolete but to complete them Jesus has already summarized all of the of what Solomon had learned and all the laws of the old testament into two commandments

the author saw that in life we needed to love people and to love God so he made up mine like rules and Jesus summarized all of these rules to love God and to love people and this is the summary of the entire Ecclesiastes so please bring what we have talked about in the past two sermons into your soul groups and to discuss them the next book we're going to be talking about is Mark's gospel so if you read the Bible in your own time then you can feel free to begin reading Mark's gospel and all the soul group leaders can begin to start reading Mark's gospel thanks me to God