



GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE MIST

DON'T MISS THE POINT

ECCLESIASTES 12:9-14

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1. Guide _____
(vv. 9-12)

Ecclesiastes 12:9–14 (ESV)

9 Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care.

10 The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. 12 My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

2. Live _____
(vv. 13-14)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Ecclesiastes 12:10.** What are some of the “words of delight” that have stood out to you most from Ecclesiastes? How have the words of this book changed your perspective and how you live?
- 2. Read Ecclesiastes 12:11.** How often do you feel convicted or prodded by the Scriptures? If not often, why do you think that is? Does anything need to change in your relationship with the Bible?
- 3. Read Ecclesiastes 12:12.** What are some ways you may be tempted to go beyond Scripture or think you need more than the Bible to live a godly life? In what ways might you be tempted to take studying to a self-promoting extreme?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:10.** As Christians we do not fear condemnation or hell, but why is it still important to remember that we will stand before the judgment seat of Christ? What are some ways that reality should impact your life and actions this week?
- 5. Read Ecclesiastes 12:13.** As you reflect on this “whole duty of man,” how should this affect your motives and thoughts in the various realms of life that we have seen in Ecclesiastes?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Gibson, David. *Living Life Backward*. Crossway, 2017.

Lutzer, Erwin. *Your Eternal Reward*. Moody Publishers, 2015.

MacArthur, John. *Our Sufficiency in Christ*. Crossway, 1991.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our study in Ecclesiastes would bear fruit for years to come!

Pray that we would continue to seek the Lord and His Word.
Pray that we would all be prepared to stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

Pray for National Equipped Conference and Ignite to impact lives in our church as we begin our summer of ministry.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
5/23	1 Chronicles 5, Psalm 78	Matthew 27:51-66, Mark 15:38-47, Luke 23:47-56, John 19:31-42
5/24	1 Chronicles 6, Psalm 93	Matthew 28:1-8, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-10
5/25	Psalm 81, 88, 92	Matthew 28:9-15, Mark 16:9-11, John 20:11-18
5/26	1 Chronicles 7, Psalm 102	Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-35
5/27	1 Chronicles 8, Psalm 103	Mark 16:14, Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-31
5/28	1 Chronicles 9-10	John 21