



Part Six: Re-tool Your Eternity!

Icebreaker: When was a time when you made a purchase, but later regretted making it?

Read Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 (It's on the back of this page.)

1. Someone once said, "What you sow in your 20's & 30's you reap in your 40's & 50's." What is a good choice you made in the past that is now bearing good fruit in your life today?
2. When was a time you felt God calling you to follow Him or obey Him in some way and you delayed (or failed) to obey Him? What was the result?
3. Read Ecc. 12:6-8. How would thinking about the end of your life, motivate you to make your life count for God today?
4. Read Ecc. 12:13-14. Why do you think today is the best day to start living for God?
5. What is a choice or change you can make today that will empower you to enjoy more of God's blessed life tomorrow?

Prayer: Pray for the person on your left, that God would empower that person to make the choice he/she shared in question #5 in order to 're-tool their eternity' this week.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

¹Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"- ²before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; ³when 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; ⁴when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades; when men rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint; ⁵when men are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags himself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then man goes to his eternal home and mourners go about the streets. ⁶Remember Him—before the silver cord is severed, or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, ⁷and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

⁸"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Everything is meaningless!"

⁹Not only was the Teacher wise, but also he imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. ¹⁰The Teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was upright and true. ¹¹The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails—given by one Shepherd. ¹²Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body.

¹³Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.