

Enjoy Life!

Intro:

1 – Why Enjoy Life: (9:1-6; 11-12)

A. Because life will end: (vv. 2-3)

1. One “event” awaits all mankind (Heb. 9:27)
2. Death is the result of human rebellion (Gen. 3:19; Rom. 5:12)

B. Because life is opportunity: (vv. 4-6)

1. While people are alive there is opportunity to prepare for death (Phil. 1:21)
2. God may change everything in a day (2 Kings 6:29; 7:1ff)

C. Because life is unpredictable: (vv. 11-12)

1. Desirable assets do not ensure success (Job 5:11-14)
2. Are you paralyzed or stimulated by uncertainty?

2 – What to Enjoy in Life: (vv. 7-10) [5 imperatives]

A. Enjoy God’s provision: (vv. 7-8)

1. Bread and wine are representative of what God gives to comfort and cheer His people (Ps. 104:14-15).
2. Believers may enjoy food and drink because they are already objects of God’s special love (1 Tim. 4:3)
3. White garments and oil were used for special occasions and were signs of the celebration of life (Ps. 23:5; Isa. 61:3)

B. Enjoy the blessings of marriage: (vs. 9)

1. Companionship of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:18-25; 1 Cor. 7:7).
2. This includes sexual intimacy (Prov. 5:18-20; 1 Cor. 7:2ff)

C. Enjoy your vocation: (vs. 10)

1. “Whatever your hand finds to do” refers to opportunities.
2. “With all your might” refers to the manner (cf. Col. 3:17)

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS:

YOUTH QUESTIONS

1. WHAT COULD THE FAMOUS GUITARIST NOT ACCEPT?
2. WHAT IS IN GOD'S HANDS?
3. WHY DOES EVERYONE DIE?
4. WHAT DOES THE PROVERB ABOUT A DEAD DOG MEAN?
5. WHAT DID PAUL THINK ABOUT DYING AND LIVING?
6. WHAT IS SOLOMON SAYING IN VERSE 11?
7. WHAT DID BREAD AND WINE OFTEN REPRESENT?
8. HOW CAN PEOPLE ENJOY MARRIAGE?
9. HOW SHOULD CHRISTIANS VIEW THEIR WORK?
10. WHAT DOES THE EXAMPLE OF JOHN BEEKMAN TEACH US?