

NOTES

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open happiness

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

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1. what strange words are these?

The Book of Ecclesiastes

**"Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher,
"completely meaningless."**

2. the main character?

Psalm 90 v 12 *Teach us to realize the brevity of life,
so that we may grow in wisdom.*

3. the pursuit of happiness

"The constitution only guarantees the American people the RIGHT to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."

Benjamin Franklin

Ecclesiastes 5 v 18-20

¹⁸ Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life. ¹⁹ And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life - this is indeed a gift from God. ²⁰ God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.

- food & drink
- fashion
- wages
- vocation
- marriage
- friendship
- beauty & excellence
- education

James 1 v 17

Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens.

"it's never too late because life is so good"

George Dawson, age 102

4. happiness = hedonism?

Ecclesiastes 12 v 13-14

That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. ¹⁴ God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

5. results of happiness

Ecclesiastes 5 v 20

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