“Enjoying Life: Including the Later Years”

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

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I. Our weak and deteriorating bodies remind us that _____ is coming.

(Ecclesiastes 12:1-5)

II. Remember

- ❖ It is a covenantal word involving _____.

1. Remember he is your _____.

   “Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”

   Psalm 95:6-7 (NIV)

2. Remember he is your _____.

   “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

   Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

3. Remember he is your _____.

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality."

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (NIV)

III. Creator

- ❖ The word is _____.

"Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

IV. Days

"Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Luke 9:23 (NIV)

V. Youth

1. It is a _____ term.

2. It is an _____ term.

Why is it important to remember your creator in your youth?

a) Living for God in youth means a greater investment in _____ and _____.

b) Living for God in youth means less sorrows, pains, and/or regrets are _____ to the troubles of old age.

c) Living for God in your youth is wise because we are not promised _____ _____ _____ than the one we have today.

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."

Proverbs 27:1 (NIV)

"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."

James 4:14 (NIV)

d) Living for God in your youth is wise because the older a person gets they often get more _____ _____ toward the things of God.

“Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed—without remedy.”

Proverbs 29:1 (NIV)

“As has just been said: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.”

Hebrews 3:15 (NIV)