

ECCLESIASTES 9:17-11:6

THE SMART WAY TO LIFE - LIVE TODAY!

A CCS Resource
for Parents & Carers



FOR OLDER KIDS
& TEENS



KEY POINT:

God wants us to live our life as a gift He has gives us.



- Do you spend more time living today or worrying about the future?
- How much do you feel that having a good future depends on your plans or how well you live?
- How worried are you about failing at something?



PRAY for God's help as you come to His Word
READ ECCLESIASTES 9V17-11V6



Wisdom is knowing how to live best in God's world. In the last passage we saw that the wise way to live is to enjoy life as God's gift. This week we learn that God wants us to live our lives today because it is His gift to us.

What is the better way to live? **READ 10v2-4, 10, 12, 16-17.**

Even though it's better to be wise than foolish, why does living by wisdom not always work?
READ 9v18-10v1, 10v5-7, 10v16-17

Why else about life might make it seem futile to live life wisely? **READ 10v14, 11v2, 5-6.**

You might be wondering **HOW IS IT POSSIBLE TO REALLY LIVE LIFE**, if the things we do by wisdom are ruined by fools and foolishness, and we don't know the future? We've been learning in Ecclesiastes that **WE CAN EITHER LIVE LIFE** using the things of this world **TO GAIN-** to get ahead in life and fix life - or we can receive all life as **A GIFT FROM GOD.**

How should we live knowing it is a gift from God? **READ 11v1-2, 6.**

If you're trying to get ahead and gain in life then foolishness and the uncertainty of life makes life pointless, but if life is a gift then you can **LIVE TODAY GENEROUSLY, HOLDING LOOSELY TO THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD, TRUSTING GOD FOR THE FUTURE.**

How does Jesus live for for His Father, and how does he expect us to live as his disciples?
READ Mark 8v31, 34-37



1. What things in your life are you worried won't work out?
2. How does this passage help you to live life today trusting God?
3. How does this passage help you to give up your life for Jesus and His gospel today?



Thank God for His word which gives us wisdom to know how to live in His world. **Thank** Him for all the good things He has given you. **Pray** that you learn to live your life daily for Him, being generous and doing what He has given you to do today, trusting Him for the future.