

Scripture: Ten Commandments (Deut. 5) - Eccl. 11:7-12:14
Singing: 265:1-3 – 123:1, 3 – 415:2, 6 – 400:1, 3 – 100:1-2

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR YOUTH?

I. Rejoice wisely! II. Remember timely!

I. Make your youth the best by rejoicing wisely

A. God is not against rejoicing

1. He is Himself a God of joy and delight: Ps. 104:31

2. He knows the value of merry heart: Prov. 17:22

B. Though God encourages *rejoicing*, He instruct us to do it wisely: HOW?

1. by reminding yourself of the future accounting day (vs. 9b)

2. by removing sorrow or evil (vs. 10)

C. Are you a wise or a foolish builder?

1. The wise builder is the one *who fears the LORD* which

a. is the beginning of wisdom/knowledge: Prov. 1:7; 9:10

b. will prolong life: Prov.10:27

c. will be a fountain of life to avoid snares of death: Prov. 14:27

d. will tend to life, satisfaction, and security: Prov. 19:23

D. To rejoice wisely is to pursue and rejoice in the things Proverbs teach us about

II. Remember Timely

A. What is it to ‘remember your Creator?’

1. To take action to *honor Him* as your Creator-Possessor

a. He created us for His purpose:

b. He also maintains us for His purpose:

2. Is your life anchored in this charge?

B. To remember need to be *timely*

1. because your 'evil' days are coming
2. because habits of thinking and actions don't leave as youth does
3. because it will make even your youth days more joyful (Ps. 34:11-16)

Finally: Whose voice will you heed: *Jesus your Creator or Satan your destroyer?*

Solomon's Choice

King Solomon of old, a happy choice had made.
'T was not for life, 'twas not for gold, nor for honours that he prayed.

He chose that better part, that leads to heavenly joys,
a wise and understanding heart, and God approved his choice.

And though both wealth and ease and power and honour came,
we find he did not gain from these, his glory and his fame.

Far better than his crown and all his grand array,
that wisdom which the Lord sent down, to guide him in his way.

For wisdom from above will teach us heavenly things.
How we may learn to fear and love and serve the King of kings.

If this is what we seek, we cannot ask amiss.
The youngest, seeking child may speak and ask the Lord for this.

Remember Him now, before you are too old.
For once we can no longer bow, for either His is gone or you are cold.