

Serve your Creator now

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

I. Remember (serve) your Creator now before you get too old (Ecclesiastes 12:1-5).

- *Remember* = Act/Obey/Help/Serve (Genesis 8:1; 19:29; 40:14; Judges 8:33-35)

A. Serve God now before your mind fails (12:1-2).

1. Pleasures – Emotional ability to enjoy things
2. Sun, moon, stars... dark – Mental ability to think clearly

**Use your mind as God intended (Mark 12:30)*

B. Serve God now before your body fails (12:3-5).

1. Keepers of the house – Arms and hands tremble
2. Strong men bow – Legs and knees weaken
3. Grinders cease – Teeth deteriorate
4. Windows dimmed – Eyesight diminished/blind
5. Doors of the street/sound of grinding – Hearing loss
6. Rises up at sound of bird/faint – Sleep issues/wake early
7. Songs/music become faint/low – Unable to hear music
8. Terrors/Afraid of heights – More and greater fears
9. Almond tree blossoms – White hair
10. Grasshopper drags himself – Less active and motivated
11. Desire not stirred – Pleasures diminished or lost
12. Eternal home/mourners – Death

II. Remember (serve) God before you die (Ecclesiastes 12:6-8).

A. You can't serve God here after you die (12:6-7; 9:10).

1. Silver cord severed – Spinal cord?
2. Golden bowl broken – Brain/head?
3. Pitcher shattered at the spring – Heart?
4. Wheel broken at the well – Veins bleed?
5. Dust to ground/spirit to God – Death (Acts 7:59)

B. Life is meaningless if it is not God-centered (12:8).

**Use your body as God intended (1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Peter 4:10-11).*