

The  
GOOD  
LIFE

a Study in Ecclesiastes

# 1. Family of origin

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4. Friends

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7. Accomplishments





# 8. Memories

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9. Hopes/dreams/goals



# Ecclesiastes 9



**Death is Inevitable**



# How to live in light of your impending death



But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God. Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him. It is the

**Ecclesiastes 9:1-2**



same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the

**Ecclesiastes 9:1-2**



sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath.

**Ecclesiastes 9:1-2**





This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that

**Ecclesiastes 9:3-4**



they go to the dead. But he who is  
joined with all the living has hope, for a  
living dog is better than a dead lion.

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3. Delay death

It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart.

**Ecclesiastes 7:2**



So teach us to number our days that we  
may get a heart of wisdom.

**Psalm 90:12**





We should live life forward, after we define it backward.

**Soren Kierkegaard**



No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death.

**Ecclesiastes 8:8**



# Three Invitations of Ecclesiastes:

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For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. Their love and their hate and their envy have already

**Ecclesiastes 9:5-6**



perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.”

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**Psalm 90:12**



**Death ends in life**





# Three Invitations of Ecclesiastes:

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2. Sacred Mundanity
3. Sacred Joy

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”  
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God!  
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**1 Corinthians 15:55-57**



For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

**Philippians 1:21**



“The Christian response to mortality...is without question the most effective of all responses. It would seem to be the only version of salvation that enables us, not only to transcend the fear of death, but also to beat death itself, and by doing so



in terms of individual identity, rather than anonymity or abstraction. It would seem to be the only version that offers a truly definitive victory.”

**Luc Ferry**



Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.  
Oh let my love with fervor burn,  
And from the world now let me turn;  
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,  
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;  
Only one life, "twill soon be past,



Only what's done for Christ will last.  
Only one life, yes only one,  
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";  
And when at last I'll hear the call,  
I know I'll say "twas worth it all";  
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.





Only one life, 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last.  
And when I am dying, how happy I'll be,  
If the lamp of my life has been burned  
out for Thee.”

**C.T. Studd**





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