



# I'm Not Going to Miss You

Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8, Philippians 1:21

# Enjoy Life

- **We should not just enjoy a part of life; we should enjoy all of it.**
- **Solomon cautions that when we are young, enjoy life, but do it responsibly.**
- **Remember that there is a Creator Who is very capable of judging you.**
- **Many young people make decisions based on their feelings.**
- **The devil wants you to make decisions based on your feelings rather than on the Word of God.**

# Remember Your Creator

- We are supposed to constantly remember our Creator, but the bottom line is we have short memories.
- If you learn about the Creator when you are young, it will carry over into adulthood.
- As you get older, it becomes more difficult, to accept change or anything new, including a new faith.
- It is generally true that if you raise a child “*in the way he should go,*” he will not depart from it, but if he does, there is a good chance he will return.
- Regardless their age, when they come back, their faith will be stronger because it will be “their” faith.



# The Aging Process

- As you get older, you may have a storm come into your life that may not be followed by a sunny day.
- Solomon compared the aging process to a decaying house:
  - *“When the keepers of the house tremble”* – your hands
  - *“And the strong men stoop”* – your back
  - *“When the grinders cease because they are few”* – your teeth
  - *“Looking through windows that grow dim”* – your eyes
  - *“When the doors to the street are closed”* – your ears
  - *“When men rise up at the sound of birds”* – light sleeping
  - *“Their songs grow faint”* – loose your voice
  - *“When the almond tree blossoms”* – grey hair

# Conclusion

- **Solomon was not trying to depress us but to encourage us to remember the Creator while we are young.**
- **Solomon had a very melancholy view of life and death, but as meaningless as he thought life was, he still believed it was better than death.**
- **Solomon saw the afterlife as a shadowy, strange no-man's land type of existence.**
- **Solomon did not have the benefit of the cross.**
- **When we get to the other side, there will be nothing to miss in this world, because we will be in the presence of God.**
- **The only memory that we need to carry into eternity is the memory of God.**