

Ecclesiastes Study 5



The Foolishness of
Youth
And
The wisdom of
old age

Study 5. The foolishness of Youth and lessons of old age.

What are the benefits of being young? What are the drawbacks of being young?

Look back at your life and consider the following:
What was important to you when you were :
10 – 15 yrs old

15 yrs to now



Look forward to your life :
What will be important to you when you are:
now to 35 yrs old
35 yrs to 45 years
45 yrs to 65 years
65 years till death

When do you think you cross over from being young to being old or is it more a subjective thing?

What's the difference between age and maturity?

How do you rate your own maturity in terms of wisdom, responsibilities and reliability? Scale of 1 to 10.

Read Chapter 11:7-12:8.

What is the advice given by the writer about life ? v 7-8

What is the advice given to the young?

V9-10

Why is it important to remember God before we get too old?
12:1-7

12:8 This is the theme of the Book again. Notice the sandwich
1:2 and 12:8. Do you agree with the theme of the book that
everything in this life is meaningless? Give reasons for your
answer.

Read Chapter 12:9-14.

Notice the different voice of this passage. It sounds like another
person (e.g. an editor) is speaking and commenting on the
writer. This provides another perspective and helps us
understand the purpose of the content of the book.

What does the editor say about the writer?

V9

V10

What does the editor say about the writer's words?

V11

V12

What is the conclusion that the editor makes?
V13-14

Think about it.

How is the fear of God the beginning of wisdom?

How does God's commandments keep us wise?

Relevance.

Do you love and fear God when things are going well for you or
do you also fear and love God when life is difficult?

How willing are you to trust in God and his ways when
everything seems to go against you ? Scale 1 - 10

Pray.

