

# LIVING WITH *The End* IN MIND

## ***Living With the End in Mind*** ***Ecclesiastes 12 – Making the Most of Your Age*** ***February 26, 2023***

Given the subject of the sermon, did baby dedication encouraging the parents to parent with the end in mind elicit any emotions? What does your jar of marbles look like? Who are you influencing?

### **Read Ecclesiastes 12:1**

When we are young, we tend to be consumed with our looks, careers, and relationships.

- Given your stage of life, did you use, or are you using, the energy of youth to pursue God's purpose for your life?

**Read Ecclesiastes 12:2-8**, inserting "Remember your Creator" from vs 1 at the beginning of verses 2-5.

- Had you read the allegory of the house as a description of the aging process before?
- Were the descriptions surprising?
- Is the aging process meaningless?

**Because of Jesus, we do not fear death. Read John 11:25.**

**Think about the time that you have left, using the jar of marbles as an analogy.**

- Do not feed your regrets, but make the most of your remaining days
- What are we to do with our remaining days, whether many or few?

**Read Psalm 39:4-5, Psalm 71:18 & Matthew 28:18-20**

### **Read Ecclesiastes 12:9-12**

- "Don't go down these paths. Let me save you the expense. Let me save you the energy. I have gone down these various roads, and I have discovered them to be dead ends." - Alistair Begg
- Given Merriam-Webster defines goad, "drive (an animal) with a spiked stick", how is Alistair Begg's quote like a goad?

**Read Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Micah 6:8 & 2 John 6**

He is God and I am not. As a result, I am to love Jesus and walk in obedience, as Pastor Ted said, in the ordinary and extraordinary moments. End your time together by praying for the youth of WHFC to use their energy to pursue God's purpose for their lives.

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