

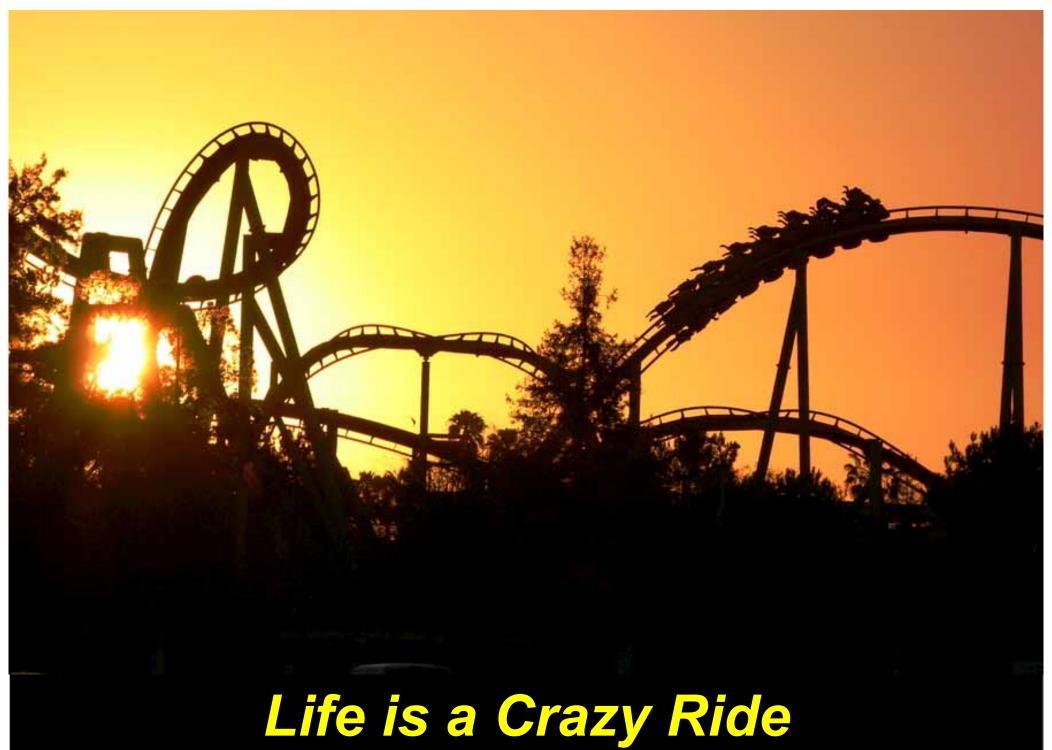
## Life Under The Sun

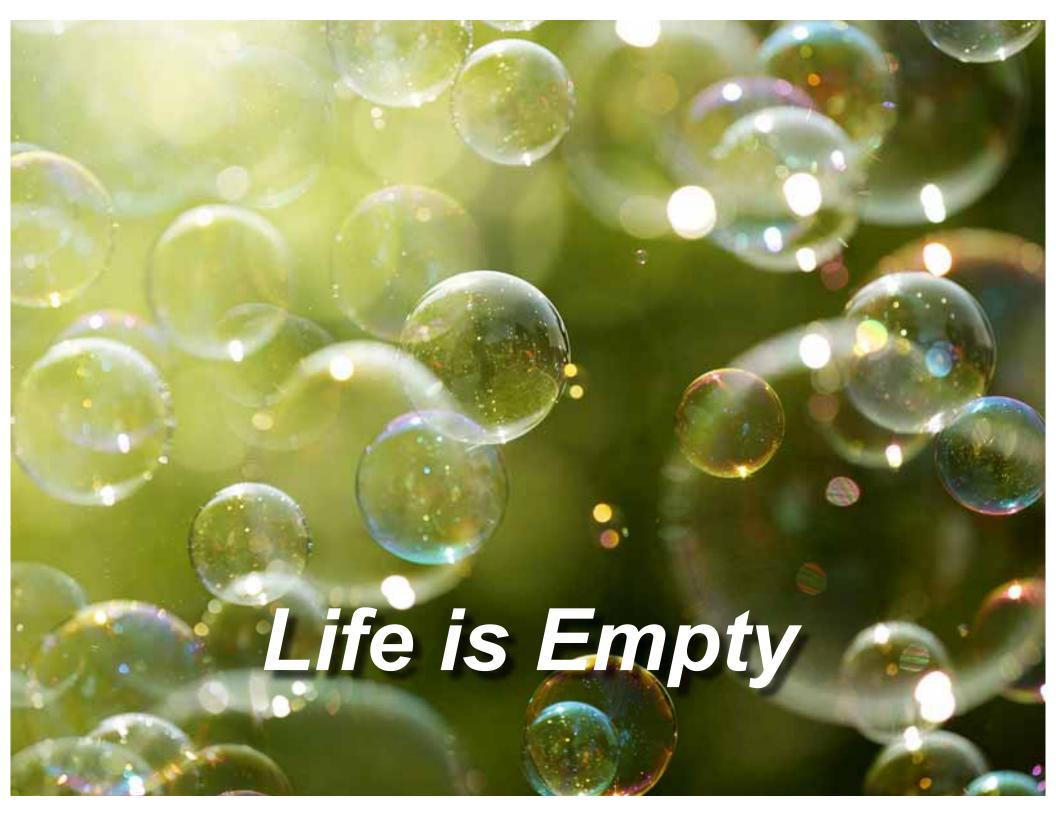
The Evil Days Are Coming! Ecclesiastes 11:7 – 12:8

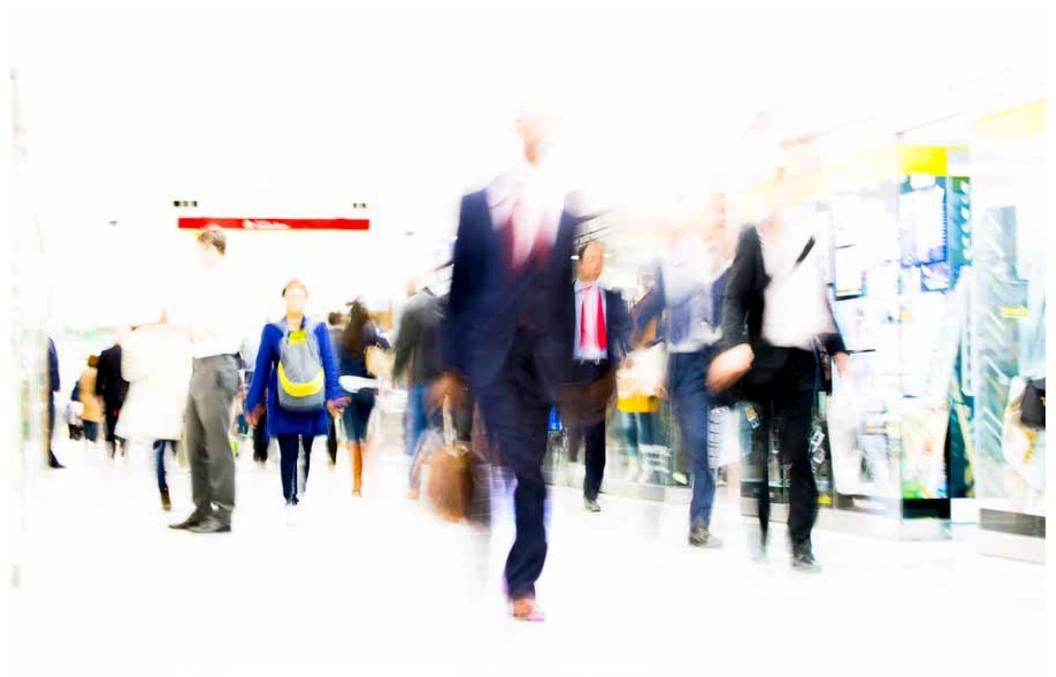
## Life is a school of probability.

- Walter Bagehot

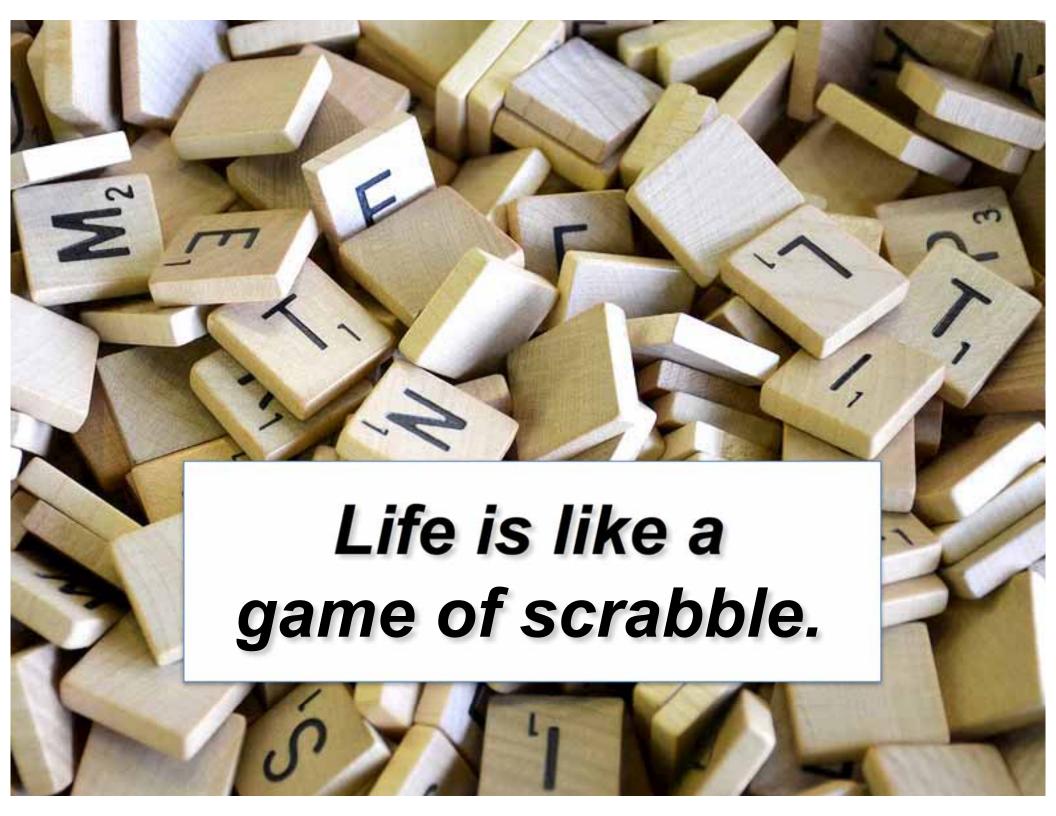








We Are So Busy Doing . . .





Let's
Be
Realistic!

#### Life Is Light and Darkness

Ecclesiastes 11:7-8

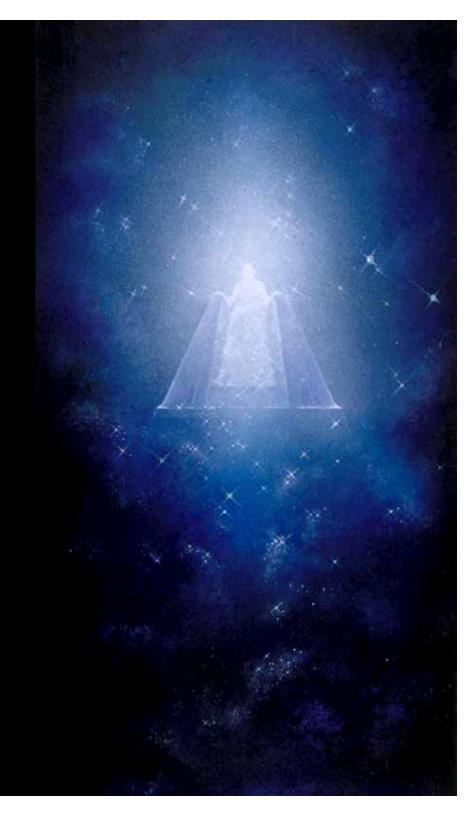
- Light symbolizes the good days in life.
- Darkness symbolizes the evil days of life.
- Remember the dark or evil days in life.
- Everything will be meaningless!

#### Advice For Those Younger

Ecclesiastes 11:9 - 10

- v. 9 When a child rejoice!
  - When a young man live it up!
  - But watch out, God will judge you!

# Great White Throne Judgment



#### And who knows what will happen?



#### Remember Your Creator

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2

#### v. 1 Creator -

- Hebrew word is not Elohim
- Hebrew word is not Jehovah
- Hebrew word means

"Creating One"

Remember Him before the evil days!

#### Remember Your Creator

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2

- v. 2 Remember Him before the darkness comes! Death!
  - "Clouds return after the rain" refers to the evil and gloom of old age that never pauses.

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

Now Solomon describes the evil days!

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

v. 3, part 1

- Watchmen of the house tremble
  - Watchman means "keepers"
  - Hands and feet due to weakness, Parkinson's, Carpal Tunnel, ALS.
  - Mighty men stoop
    - Senior is bent over due to osteoporosis, compression fractures, spinal stenosis, etc.

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

v. 3, part 2

- Grinding ones stand idle . . . are few
  - Senior has few teeth and so it takes longer to chew the food.
- Who look through the windows grows dim
  - Eyesight is impaired due to cataracts, glaucoma, Fuch's Dystrophy, floaters, flashers, macular degeneration.

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

- v. 4
- Sound of the grinding mill is low
  - Senior has hearing loss.
  - One will arise at the sound of the bird
    - Senior suffers from insomnia.
  - All the daughters of song will sing softly
    - Senior has trouble singing and with volume.

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

v. 5, part 1

- Men are afraid of a high place
  - Senior is afraid of heights due to balance problems, vertigo, weak muscles, etc.
  - Men are afraid of terrors on the road
    - Senior is not as strong as in his/her youth.

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

v. 5, part 2

- Almond tree blossoms
  - Senior's hair turned white.
  - Grasshopper drags himself along
    - Senior uses a cane, walker or a wheelchair due to instability.

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

v. 5, part 3

- Caperberry is ineffective
  - Senior has lost sexual function and sexual desire.
- Man goes to his eternal home
  - But there are still people in life.
  - They bury the dead senior.

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

v. 6, part 1

- Silver cord
  - Spinal cord or the thread of life.
  - Golden bowl is crushed
    - Cranial cavity

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

v. 6, part 2

- Pitcher by the well is shattered
  - Urinary system problems maybe due to incontinence, BHP, etc.
  - Wheel at the cistern is crushed
    - Heart and circulatory system stops working.

Ecclesiastes 12:3-7

v. 7 • Dust returns to the earth

Spirit returns to God who gave it.

#### Spirit of Man Returns to God?

#### Ecclesiastes 12:7

- Some teach that our spirits existed before we were born into this world, but . . .
  - Hebrew word translated as "spirit" can also mean "wind or breath".
  - If the word always means "spirit", then Eccl. 3:21 teaches the spirit of man may not return to God.
  - Zechariah 12:1 reveals that God forms the spirit of man at his birth.
  - In John 3:31; 8:23, Jesus says He is from heaven but we are not. We are earthly.

#### What Is Life?

Ecclesiastes 12:8

Life is evil and . . .

Everything is empty!

. . . then a miserable death.

# How Shall We Respond?





### Where Are You Going?

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

John 5:24