

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# ECCLESIASTES 12

## Ecclesiastes 12

Ecclesiastes twelve is an admonition from the wisest man who ever lived after living a life wasting a huge portion in godless living. What a waste. No one knows, because the Bible is not complete in details about anyone's life, including Jesus Himself. The last chapter of this book is not the perspective of a man away from God, but one who has strayed and has come full circle back to the God of His younger days. Hence his instruction and warning to all who would sow wild seeds and not expect to reap a harvest from the same. For someone to be truly wise in this life as part of the fallen human race is not to live perfectly, but to come to a point of recognition that a life of going one's own way is sinful and only brings death and separation from the one who made us and loves us with an undying love. In the words of a master poet, with a golden pen, Solomon rehearses how wonderful it is to **"Remember God in the days of your youth, before different and difficult times come as a part of routine life."**

**"And moreover because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered**

**and sought out and set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright words of truth. The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd. And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil."** (Ecclesiastes 12:9-14)

Solomon allowed his heart to be drawn astray by his love and lust for women, and to pleasing them. But read the words quoted just above and you will observe a heart that has changed in the golden years of life. One who has finally understood what His father taught him in Psalm one!

### Prayer and Action Steps

*As in the days of Solomon, so it is today. Show me your friends and I will show you your future!*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

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