

REJOICE
Ecclesiastes 11:7-10

Oakridge Community Church
Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

1. Vanity – 11:8, 10; 12:8
2. It is not necessary to view life only from under the sun
 - a. 3:1, 14
 - b. 5:18
3. It is good to be alive! – 11:7
4. Rejoice!

I. REASONS FOR REJOICING OUR ENTIRE LIFETIME

- A. Life is a gift filled with gifts from God – 9:7, 9
- B. Now is our only certain opportunity to rejoice in this life – 11:8
- C. We are commanded to rejoice! – 11:9
 1. Philippians 4:4
 2. Psalm 100:2; 97:1
 3. Joel 2:23
- D. We are accountable to rejoice – 11:9

II. IMPORTANCE OF REJOICING OUR ENTIRE LIFETIME

- A. Genuine rejoicing reflects God's nature
 1. Isaiah 42:1
 2. Psalm 104:31
 3. Matthew 25:23
- B. Genuine rejoicing reveals our trust in God – Deut. 28:47-48

III. PREPARATION FOR REJOICING OUR ENTIRE LIFETIME

- A. Remove vexation from the heart – 11:10
- B. Remove what is injurious from the body

Conclusion

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1. In your own words describe what it means to view life “under the sun.” How does an “above the sun” perspective differ from this? Which perspective leads to genuine enjoyment of life? Why?
2. What temporal gifts has God given you to enjoy and to lead you to rejoice in Him? How will you go about doing so?
3. Why should the shortness of life motivate us to rejoice now?
4. What does the failure to rejoice reveal about our perspective of and attitude toward God? How does our being accountable before God for enjoying Him and His gifts affect your day-to-day life?
5. How does our joy in life reflect God? How does it serve as an accurate measure of our trust in Him?
6. What steps should we take to prepare for rejoicing all our days ahead? What hinders your rejoicing? How should you deal with those hindrances?
7. How does focusing on the Gospel make us a rejoicing people?