

A SOLEMN WARNING TO YOUTH, Ecclesiastes 11:9,10

1. The words of this scripture are not to be taken as a sanction for self-indulgence. Consider Ecclesiastes 12:1:
 1. Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth.
 - (1) Set God always before thine eyes. Think who made thee and what you were made for. You were not made for:
 - (a) Self-pleasing; self-gratification; but to use your faculties and capacities in accordance with the laws of God. *must learn:*
 1. Obedience
 2. Self respect
 3. Courage to stand on own feet
 2. While the evil days come not.
 - (1) The grievances and inconveniences of old age aggravated by a dissipated youth.
 3. Nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.
 - (1) I have no pleasure in living. I would rather be dead than alive.
2. The word of Ecclesiastes 11:9,10 might be taken as a warrant for reasonable pleasure.
 1. The young man or maiden is informed how she or he may enjoy the morning of life, provided always such pleasures as are sinful are eschewed...hated.
3. A POWERFUL RESTRAINT...THE WARNING OF A JUDGMENT
 1. God will bring him into judgment. Ecc. 12:14.
4. THE CERTAINTY AND NATURE OF THE JUDGMENT.
 1. FUTURE
 - (1) Because it is future some men are prone to delay and continue in sin. Ecc. 8:11; Heb. 9:27.
 2. DIVINE
 - (1) God will be the judge. Ecc. 3:18; Acts 17:31; Romans 2:16; 2 Tim. 4:1
 3. INDIVIDUAL
 - (1) Not upon mankind in mass, or upon men in groups, but upon men as individuals. 2 Cor. 5:10
 4. CERTAIN
 - (1) The day has been appointed. Acts 17:31; 2Pet.2:9

