

Ecclesiastes 9 Ecclesiastes 11-12 • How to Prepare for the End

1. (v.11:1-5) We may not understand all of God's ways, but we're to minister to our fellow man not for what we believe to be the **return** on our **investment**, but for what **God** will do with it.
2. (v.11:6-8) We must recognize our responsibility to **work** during every available **opportunity** while there is yet time to do so.
3. (v.11:9-10) Our service to God through our commitment to others requires a **mature, disciplined** approach that trusts in **Him** to produce the right results for both His **kingdom** at large and for our **life** personally.

Summary to This Point: Use this life to **love** your **neighbor** at every opportunity. In so doing, you are not only participating in His kingdom's **work**, but establishing **yourself** in God's eyes both in this life and the one to come.

4. (v.12:1-8) We cannot wait until "**the end**" to prepare for "**the end**"—it must begin at the earliest point in our **life** possible and become a natural extension of our **lifestyle**.
5. (v.12:9-12) The pursuit of **knowledge**—no matter to what depth—is no substitute for putting God's ways into practice. The biblical definitions of "**hear**" and "**listen**" is to **obey** and put into practice.
6. (v.12:13-14) ***The Ultimate Conclusion:*** "***Fear God and keep His commandments***".