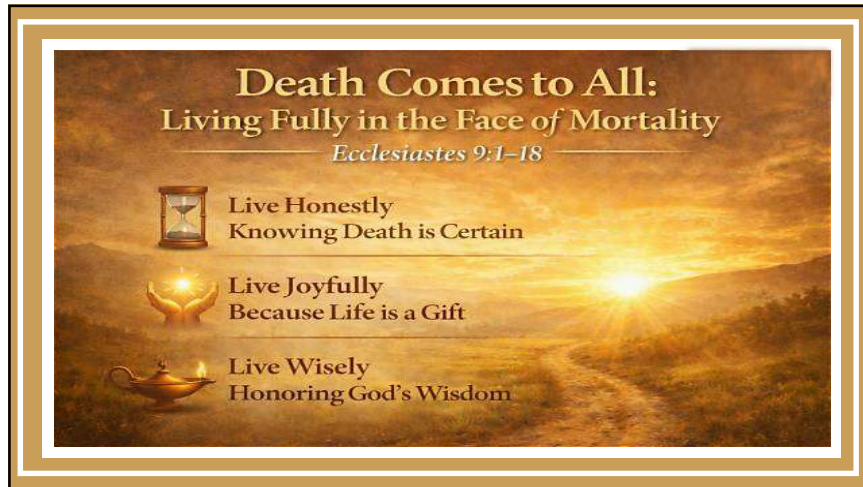
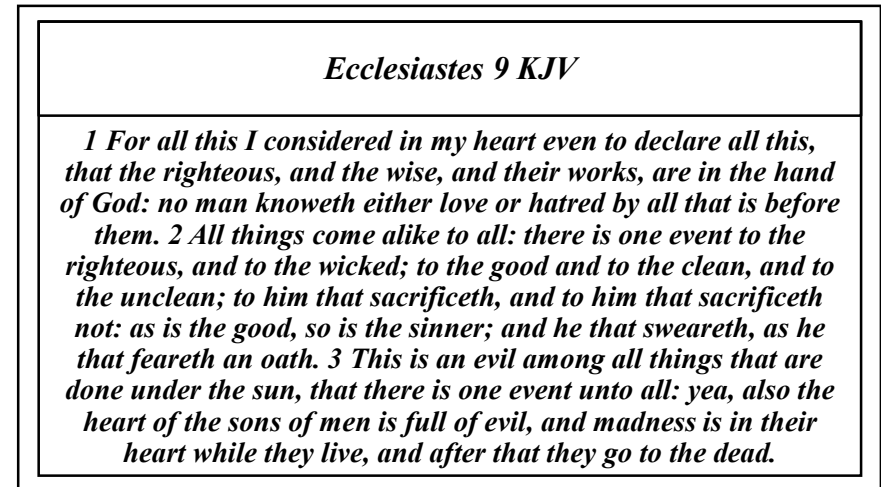
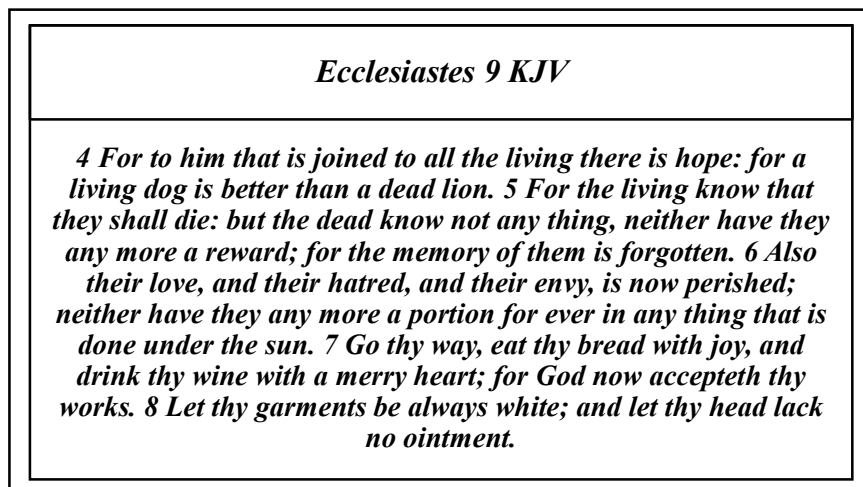




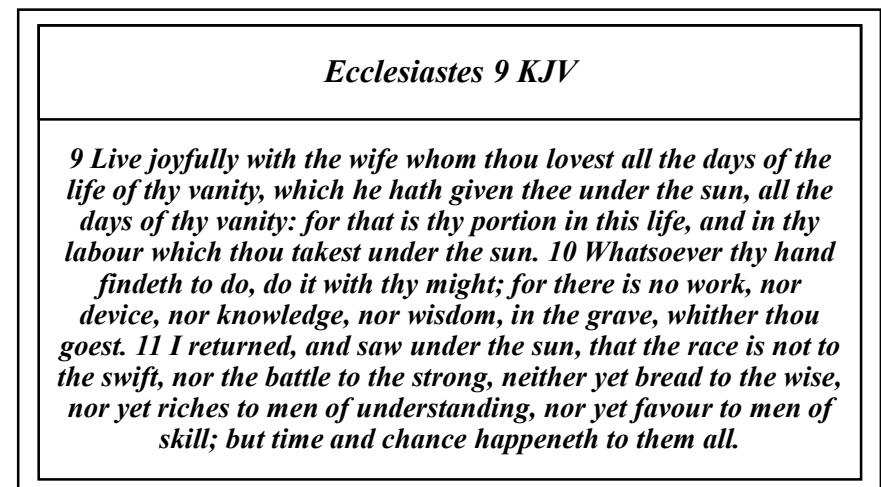
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Ecclesiastes 9 KJV

12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them. 13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me: 14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: 15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. 16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

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Ecclesiastes 9 KJV

17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.

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Theme

Because death comes to all, God invites us to live honestly, joyfully, and wisely today.

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Death Comes to All: Living Fully in the Face of Mortality

Ecclesiastes 9:1-18



Live Honestly
Knowing Death is Certain



Live Joyfully
Because Life is a Gift



Live Wisely
Honoring God's Wisdom

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Live Honestly Knowing Death is Certain

- Death is real & even Jesus grieved it - His tears at Lazarus' tomb show God understands our sorrow.

35 Jesus wept. (John 11:35 KJV)

- Every person will face death & then meet God - this truth gives weight to every choice we make.

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: (Hebrews 9:27 KJV)

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Live Honestly Knowing Death is Certain

- We will all give an account to God - this reality encourages us to live purposefully today.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. (Romans 14:12 KJV)

- Life can end suddenly - Jesus warned the rich man that his soul was required that very night.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? (Luke 12:20 KJV)

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Live Honestly Knowing Death is Certain

- Life is brief, like a mist - remembering this helps us focus on what truly matters.

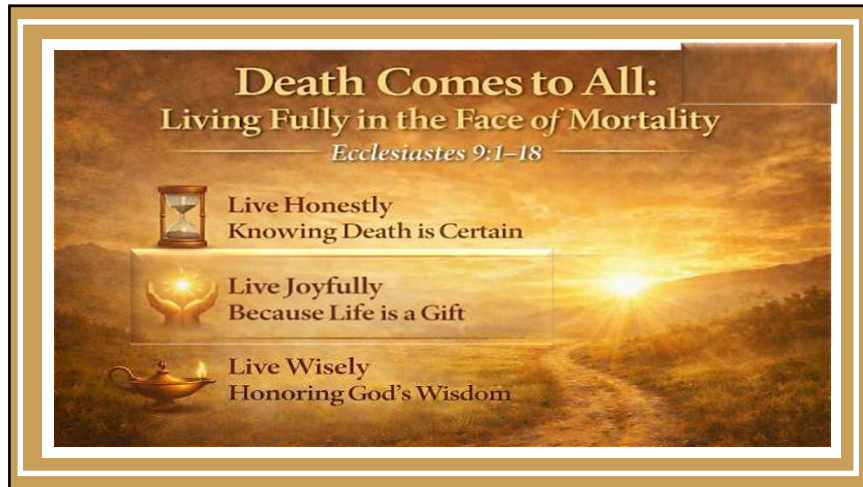
14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (James 4:14 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- How has the reality of death shaped the way you live now?
- What matters most to you at this stage of life, and why?
- What does "living honestly before God" look like for you today?

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Live Joyfully Because Life is a Gift
• Jesus gives abundant life - awareness of death helps us appreciate the gift of life more deeply. <i>10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10 KJV)</i> • Jesus gives courage for both life & death – <i>21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. (Philippians 1:21 KJV)</i>

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Live Joyfully Because Life is a Gift
• The resurrection changes everything - death becomes a doorway, not a dead end. <i>54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54–57 KJV)</i>

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Live Joyfully Because Life is a Gift
• Living wisely means using each day well - making the most of our time honors God. <i>15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (Ephesians 5:15–17 KJV)</i> • God wants us to use our gifts boldly - burying our talents out of fear is unfaithful. <i>(Matthew 25:24–27 KJV)</i>

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24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

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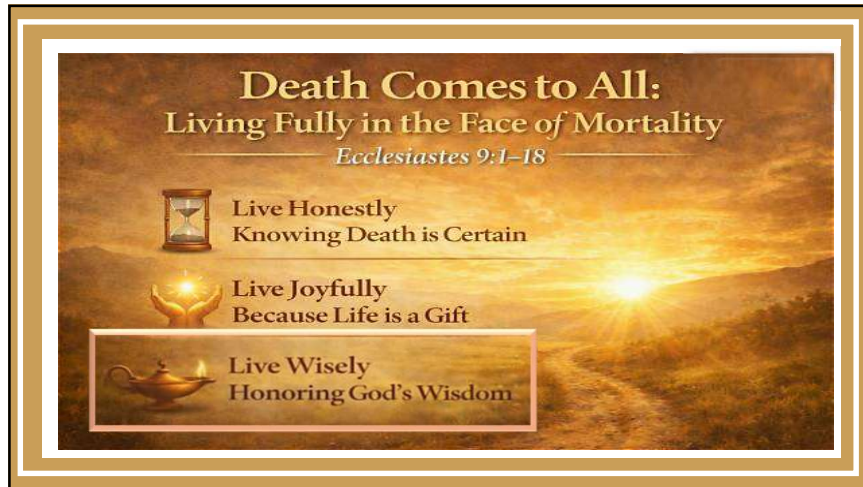
26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. (Matthew 25:24–27 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- What brings you joy today, even in the challenges of aging?
- Using your gifts - What gifts or strengths can you still offer to others around you?
- What does “abundant life” look like in a senior community?

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Live Wisely Honoring God's Wisdom
• God's wisdom is greater than human strength - His ways overturn the world's ideas of power. <i>25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.</i> <i>(1 Corinthians 1:25 KJV)</i>

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Live Wisely Honoring God's Wisdom
• Jesus is the wisdom of God - Knowing Him gives us access to true understanding. <i>2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; 3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.</i> <i>(Colossians 2:2-3 KJV)</i>

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Live Wisely Honoring God's Wisdom
• The Holy Spirit gives wisdom - Believers can walk with insight the world cannot produce. <i>17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:</i> <i>(Ephesians 1:17 KJV)</i>

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Live Wisely Honoring God's Wisdom

- God gives wisdom generously - Anyone who asks receives it freely.

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (James 1:5 KJV)

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Live Wisely Honoring God's Wisdom

- Quiet wisdom is powerful - Gentle, Spirit-formed wisdom outlasts loud or forceful voices. 1 Corinthians 1:26–29)

26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

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Live Wisely Honoring God's Wisdom

28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. (1 Corinthians 1:26–29 KJV)

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Discussion Questions

- How has wisdom grown in your life over the years?
- When has quiet wisdom made a difference in your life?
- What area of your life needs God's wisdom right now?

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Practical Applications

- Take time this week to write down the three things that matter most to you at this stage of life - Let this guide your choices & conversations.
- Choose one simple joy to practice this week, a favorite hymn, a walk outside, a phone call with family, or sharing a meal with a friend as an act of faith, not denial.
- Identify one gift God has given you (kindness, listening, prayer, encouragement) & use it intentionally to bless someone in your community.

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Practical Applications

- Each morning this week, pray James 1:5, "Lord, give me wisdom today." - Notice how God guides your conversations, decisions & interactions.
- Write a short note or prayer to someone who has shaped your life with quiet wisdom - If possible, share it with them or with a family member.
- Choose one small step you've been delaying, forgiving someone, calling a loved one, joining an activity, or sharing your faith & take that step this week with courage.

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Useful Spiritual Gifts for Seniors

- Gift of Encouragement - Offering hope & comfort through kind words, prayer & presence to those who feel lonely or discouraged.
- Gift of Wisdom - Sharing life lessons & spiritual insight that help others make thoughtful decisions.
- Gift of Intercession - Praying faithfully for residents, staff & families; becoming the spiritual "heartbeat" of the community.

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Useful Spiritual Gifts for Seniors

- Gift of Hospitality - Welcoming new residents, creating warmth & belonging through simple gestures like shared meals or greetings.
- Gift of Mercy - Showing compassion to those who are ill, grieving, or struggling with aging; offering gentle presence & empathy.
- Gift of Teaching - Leading small Bible studies or devotionals, helping others understand Scripture in accessible ways.

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Useful Spiritual Gifts for Seniors

- Gift of Service - Helping with small tasks, assisting others with mobility, or volunteering in facility activities.
- Gift of Faith - Modeling trust in God through trials, inspiring others to remain steadfast & hopeful.
- Gift of Exhortation - Encouraging others to grow spiritually & persevere in faith.
- Gift of Shepherding - Informally guiding or mentoring fellow residents, offering spiritual care & listening hearts.