

## **Title: LIFE IS BORROWED FROM GOD**

**Text: Ecclesiastes 11:9** *“Young people, it’s wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything you want to do; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do”*

**Intro:** Life is our existence what is the purpose of our existence in life? Some believe that their life is for them to enjoy, living anyhow they want to live and doing the things that they want to do. You may think that the purpose of life is to make lots of money, enjoy, indulge in alcoholism and flirtatious behaviour and have parties etc. Basically doing what the flesh craves for.

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Young people are usually carefree and it is good that the young rejoice in their youth but don’t desire worldly pleasures alone as if there is no God, as if you won’t give an account of your life, as if God is not taking account of your life.

***Job 12:10** ‘For the life of every living thing is in His hand, and the breath of all humanity.*

***Gal 5:19** tell us that a carefree life is evidenced by how you live your life. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, (filthy life style) lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, (discord) heresies, (deviation) from the way of God. 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries.*

All these are carnal lusts that a lot of people, particularly the youths are involved in. You feel it’s your life and you can live life any how you want. This lifestyle will lead you away from God.

That is why the Bible is admonishing in **Ecl 12:1-14**,

*Don’t let the excitement of youth cause you to forget your Creator. Honour him in your youth before you grow old and say, “Life is not pleasant anymore.”*

**1** Remember him before the light of the sun, moon, and stars is dim to your old eyes, and rain clouds continually darken your sky.

**2** Remember Jesus before the misery of old age begins because the hands, the legs, the teeth and the eyes will all fail one day.

**3** Remember Jesus before the legs that carry you start to tremble; and before your strong broad shoulders start to stoop. Remember him before your teeth fall out or stop chewing; and before your eyes grow dim and your hair starts falling out of your head.

**4** Remember him before the door to life's opportunities is closed and the sound of work fades. Now you rise at the first chirping of the birds, but then all their sounds will grow faint.

*A time is coming when you will not be able to go to work, you will not be able to sleep, the ears will be deaf and not able to hear the chirping of the birds and all their singing will grow faint.*

**5** Remember him before you become fearful of falling and worry about danger in the streets; before your hair turns white like an almond tree in bloom, and you drag along without energy like a dying grasshopper, and the caper berry no longer inspires sexual desire. Remember him before you near the grave, your everlasting home, when the mourners will weep at your funeral.

*A time is coming when you will be too fearful to climb high on those mountain peaks because of weakness, head will be as white as the blossoms of an almond tree, and then what, what is life all about?*

**6** Yes, remember your Creator now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don't wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring and the hoist is broken at the well.

*The marrow of the backbone, the muscle will snap one day, the brain, the veins, the livers, the head, and the heart will all fail one day and life will come to an end. The body, which is*

**7** For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

*The spirit will either go into joy in heaven with Jesus that is if you had Jesus in your life while you were on the earth. Remember Jesus. Or the spirit of the person will go to eternal torment in hell with the devil. After you have lived according to the dictates of your heart without God in the equation, you now end up in torment, in hell fire. Is it really worth it?*

**8** "Everything is meaningless," says the Teacher, "completely meaningless."

*Is it worth the suffering and trouble, the heart ache? What is your answer, I think it's not worth it.*

**9** Keep this in mind: The Teacher was considered wise, and he taught the people everything he knew. He listened carefully to many proverbs, studying and classifying them.

**10** The Teacher sought to find just the right words to express truths clearly.

**11** The words of the wise are like cattle prods—painful but helpful. Their collected sayings are like a nail-studded stick with which a shepherd drives the sheep.

**12** But, my child, let me give you some further advice: Be careful, for writing books is endless, and much study wears you out.

*God must instruct your heart that you may know that wisdom is the true happiness and the way to it is to fear Jesus.*

**13** That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty.

**14** God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

*God shall bring every secret thing into judgment, you cannot hide your sins from God. To those who repent and believe in Christ, his blood will be a covering, His blood will wash away your sins and present you righteous before a righteous God.*

*The conclusion of the Preacher's observation and experience to true happiness here and salvation is plain and simple - fear God and keep His commandments. The way to do it is to believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son.*

Not only for the young but also for the old: ***Ecl 11:7***

*Light is sweet; how pleasant to see a new day dawning. 8 When people live to be very old, let them rejoice in every day of life. But let them also remember there will be many dark days. Everything still to come is meaningless.*

### **In Conclusion:**

You may be going through depression, drug addiction, or harmful addictions. Life maybe hard and you are thinking of letting go of your life, it's not too late to be set free and to have a new life, Jesus can set you free and give you a new life and true happiness.

You may have tried everything, try Jesus and you will be glad that you did. He's waiting for you to invite Him into your life and to ask Him to forgive you of all your sins. He will forgive you no matter what you have done because He loves you. John 3:16.

### ***Sinners Prayer:***

Lord Jesus I come to You today to ask for Your forgiveness. Forgive me of all my sins, come into my life and be me Lord and Saviour. Amen.

You are now a child of God and that qualifies you for His supernatural blessings to come upon you.

If you have said that prayer and you would like to share your testimony on the Lipogim Whatsap family platform.

Remember LIFE HAS A PURPOSE and the purpose is for you to have Jesus Christ in your life as your personal Lord and Saviour, and it only then that you will find the true meaning and purpose of life.

**Prayer Points for today:**

- Pray against youthful lust
- Pray against the spirit of promiscuity that wants to hold you captive
- Pray against the spirit of substance abuse that wants to waste your time and resources and hold you captive.
- Ask the Lord for grace to live a sanctified life.
  - Grace to walk away from every ungodly relationship leading you away from God.
  - Grace to flee from sexual lust
  - Grace to fulfil kingdom assignment

**The Holy Communion:**

Pray for forgiveness of sins

I bless the bread and wine and whatever you have. I declare it holy as the symbol of the blood and flesh of Jesus Christ. I pray that as you partake of this communion the life of Christ will be imparted into you.

I pray that God will give you spiritual understanding to know what you ought to do in this Prophetic season of revival so as to possess your possession in Jesus Mighty Name. Give Jesus thanks!