



DEATH

Ecclesiastes 9:1-7-10

Part 2

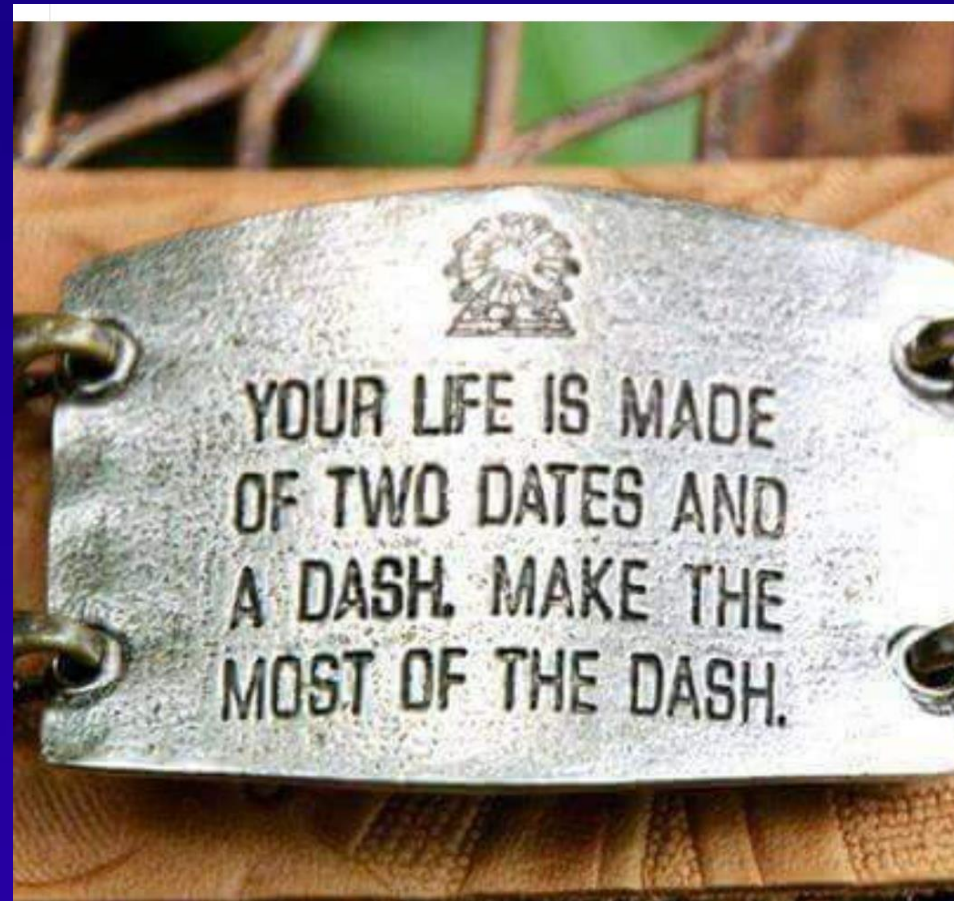


LIFE

Common Destiny-*Death*

Ecclesiastes 9:1-6

A. **Death** and **Life** are in God's Hands (v. 1)



Common Destiny-Death

Ecclesiastes 9:1-6

B. Death is No Respecter
of Persons (v. 2)



“Those who died yesterday had plans for this morning. And those who died this morning had plans for tonight. Don’t take life for granted. In the blink of an eye, everything can change. So forgive often and love with all your heart. You may never know when you may not have that chance again.”

C. Death is Greatly Misunderstood (vv. 3-5)

The perspective of the unbeliever concerning death

This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

Death is Greatly Misunderstood (vv. 4-5)

vs.4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope,
for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

For the living know that they will die;

But the dead know nothing,

And they have no more reward,

Death is Greatly Misunderstood (vv. 4-5)

The Bible's perspective on life after death

Jesus told a parable about the rich man and Lazarus
in Luke 16:19-31

Paul talked about dying as departing to be with Christ which
is far better (Phil.1:23)

He also said, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain
(Phil.1:21)

II. A Cheerful Activity-*Life*

The issue isn't how long you will live-or counting your years
But making your years count – living well-living joyfully-
placing God at the center of your life-that is implicit in all
these verses

Four Areas We Are to Add Joy to Our Lives

A. Add Joy to Your Meals (vv. 7)

Which face do
you
Wear at the
Dinner table?



Four Areas We Are to Add Joy to Our Lives

Go, eat your bread with joy and drink your wine with a merry heart for God has already accepted your works.

The idea is this-we don't know when the last day of our lives will be

We don't know when the last meal we are going to have is going to be

So, eat your bread drink your wine joyfully with a merry heart

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Solomon didn't always enjoy his meals

Prov.17:1 Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith than a house full of feasting with strife.

Four Areas We Are to Add Joy to Our Lives

How to have a happy meal at the dinner table

*Don't allow complaining

*Keep the conversation positive

B. Add Joy to Your Routines (v. 8)

Let your garments always be white, and let your head lack
no oil.

The idea in verse 8 is make every occasion a special
occasion because it might be your last time together

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C. Add joy to Your Marriage (v. 9)

Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.

1. A Christ centered marriage

Love

is an unconditional
commitment to an imperfect
person.

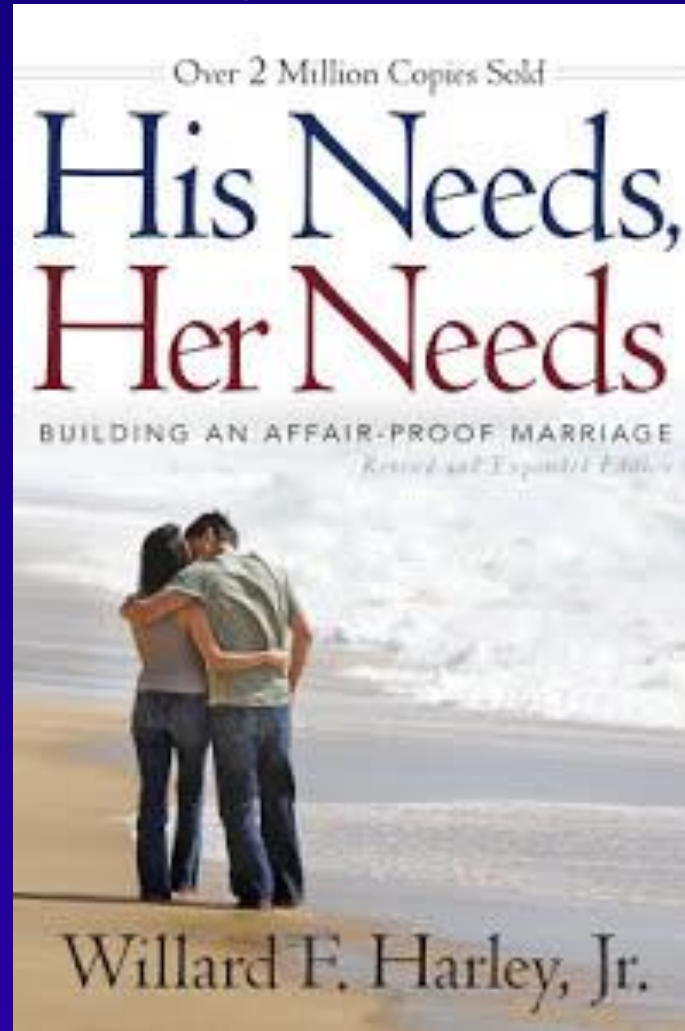
To love somebody
isn't just a strong feeling.

It's a decision,
a judgement,
and a promise.

(Norman Wright)



How to add joy to a marriage
(3) Willard Harley “His Needs Her Needs”



How to add joy to a marriage

3. Communication

Willard Harley “His Needs Her Needs”

HIS Top 5 Emotional Needs (on average):

1. Sexual Fulfillment

2. Recreational Companionship

3. Attractiveness of Spouse

4. Domestic Support

5. Admiration

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HER Top 5 Emotional Needs (on average):

- 1. Affection**
- 2. Conversation**
- 3. Honesty & Openness**
- 4. Financial Support**
- 5. Family Commitment**

How to add joy to a marriage

(4) Demonstrate Clemency

Frank Rossiter, “Be good, be kind, Be gentle”

D. Add joy to Your Work (v. 10)

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Someone said, “Find a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”

Add joy to Your Work (v. 10)

Billy Sunday, “If you have no joy in your religion speaking to Christians there must be a leak somewhere in your Christianity”

C.S. Lewis, “Joy is the serious business of heaven It ought to be the serious business of believers”