



**Life Under the Sun**  
**Part 12: The End of the Matter**  
 By Louie Marsh, 11-13-2022

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2) \_\_\_\_\_ to deal with the challenges of aging.

*“<sup>2</sup>before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return after the rain, <sup>3</sup>in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, ...<sup>5</sup>they are afraid also of what is high, and terrors are in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along, and desire fails, because man is going to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets—”* (Ecclesiastes 12:2–5, ESV)

**TRADITIONAL FEELINGS AMONG THE AGED:**

- Uselessness
- Feelings of guilt and regret
- Bitterness and resentment
- Self-pity
- Fear

3) \_\_\_\_\_ that God is waiting for you.

*“<sup>6</sup>before the silver cord is snapped, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern, <sup>7</sup>and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.”* (Ecclesiastes 12:6–7, ESV)

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**B = Believe Jesus died on the Cross for me and showed He was God by coming back to life again.**

**A = Accept Christ as Lord of My life and His free forgiveness of my sins.**

**S = Switch to God’s Plan for my life.**

**I = Inform others of your decision.**

**S = Submerge yourself in Christ.**

4) \_\_\_\_\_ to share what you’ve learned.

*“<sup>9</sup>Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. <sup>10</sup>The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.”* (Ecclesiastes 12:9–10, ESV)

5) Don’t ever quit \_\_\_\_\_.

*“<sup>11</sup>The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. <sup>12</sup>My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.”* (Ecclesiastes 12:11–12, ESV)

- **Choose what you read & watch & hear \_\_\_\_\_.**

**6) THE BOTTOM LINE:**

*“<sup>13</sup>The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

*<sup>14</sup>For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13–14, ESV)

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