

Living Live Backward
Ecclesiastes 7
A Better & Balanced Life

Introduction

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For who knows what is good for a person in life, during the few meaningless days, they pass through like a shadow.

I. A Better Life Vs. 1-13

- A. A good name is **better** than fine perfume. vs. 1
- B. Your day of death is **better** than your birthday. vs. 1
- C. A funeral is **better** than a party. vs. 2
- D. Sorrow is **better** than laughter. vs. 3
- E. It's **better** to heed the rebuke of a wise man than to listen to the songs of fools. vs. 5
- F. **Better** is the end of a matter than the beginning. vs. 8
- G. Today is **better** than the old days. vs. 10

II. A Balanced Life Vs. 15-22

- A. Showing our lack of control. Vs.14-18
 - 1. God allows good and bad times. vs. 14
 - 2. God controls our life span. vs. 15
- B. Showing our weakness vs.10-22
 - 1. Stop pretending you have no sin.
 - 2. Stop pretending you're better than others.
- C. Showing our need for wisdom vs. 23-29
 - 1. We need wisdom, so we don't live foolishly.
 - 2. There is no one righteous.

Conclusion

Living a **Better** and **Balanced** life is living a Gospel-centered life.