

“Easy Ways to Wreck Your Life: Be God”

First part: I followed **God**.

Second part: I followed **me**.

Remember **God**

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 NLT

Verse 1

Don't let the excitement of youth cause you to **forget your Creator (remember God)**. **Honor him** in your youth before you grow old and say, “Life is not pleasant anymore.”

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

Remember him before your legs—the guards of your house—start to tremble; and before your shoulders—the strong men—stoop. Remember him before your teeth—your few remaining servants—stop grinding; and before your eyes—the women looking through the windows—see dimly.

Verse 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.

Verse 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 caperberry no longer

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inspires sexual desire. Remember him before you near the grave, your everlasting home, when the mourners will weep at your funeral.

Verse 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 pulley is broken at the well.

Verse 7

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

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Why be baptized?

When am I ready to be baptized?

Acts 8:13 NLT

Then Simon himself **believed** and was **baptized**.

You must have **faith** (believe).

Hebrew 11:6 (NIV)

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

How do I come to faith?

Romans 10:17 (NIV)

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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How to be baptized?

Matthew 3:16 NLT

After his baptism, as Jesus came **up out** of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him.

Jesus commanded **baptism**.

Matthew 28:18-19 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* ²⁰ *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Baptism is your **public** statement that you belong to Jesus Christ.

John 14:23 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them.

Acts 8:12 (NIV)

When they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Mark 16:16 (NIV)

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Baptism is a symbol of our **incorporation**.

I am a part of the **body** of Christ.

I am a **member** of the Church.

I am not just a Believer, I am a **Belonger**.

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