

"Some day, I hope you get the chance,
To live like you were dyin'."

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Luke 12:13-21

Lev 19:32

"Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord."

Leviticus 27:1-2, 7

If anyone makes a special vow to dedicate persons to the Lord by giving equivalent value, let the amount be set of a male between the ages of twenty and sixty at fifty shekels of silver... If it is a person sixty years or more, set the value at fifteen shekels.

*How welcome is old age. The aged are beloved by God.
(Ancient O.T. Commentary - **Exodus Rabbah 5:12**)*

Eccl 12:1

*Remember your Creator
in the days of your youth,
before the days of trouble come
and the years approach when you will say,
"I find no pleasure in them"—*

Eccl 12:3

*when the keepers of the house tremble,
and the strong men stoop,

when the grinders cease because they are few,

and those looking through the windows grow dim;*

Eccl 12:4

*when men rise up at the sound of birds,

when men rise up at the sound of birds,
but all their songs grow faint;*

Eccl 12:5

*and the grasshopper drags himself along

and desire no longer is stirred.*

Eccl 12:5b-7

*Then man goes to his eternal home
and mourners go about the streets.
6 Remember him — before the silver cord is severed,
or the golden bowl is broken;
before the pitcher is shattered at the spring,
or the wheel broken at the well,
7 and the dust returns to the ground it came from,
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.*

Eccl 12:14

*For God will bring every deed into judgment,
including every hidden thing,
whether it is good or evil.*

Psalm 90:12

Teach me to number my days so that I may gain a heart of wisdom.

John 10:10b

Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (KJV)

John 10:10a "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;"

Three Illusions (in Jesus parable in Luke 12) **that rob from us the Abundant Life:**

1) I'm in Control.

Luke 12:18-19

2) One day things will Settle Down.

Luke 12:20

3) One day more will be Enough.

Philippians 4:12