

"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