

b. Live truthfully...since you cannot predict or control the outcome of things, don't live as if you can. Put your hand to the sowing and believe there will be a harvest...put your hand to the harvest and believe it will be enough. The concept of truthful in the case is the idea of willingness to honor in life what God has provided rather than to follow a pretense.

c. Live respectfully...with the idea of not being careless about life or the way it is executed. At the same time we do not hide in a cave of gloom. There is much to be excited about in the work and witness of God. In the present, before we are called to our Maker, let our hearts cheer us in the knowledge of God and a way that can be set before Him.

4. Conclusion

An effective life is not maintained by hoarding but by investing in the will of God. Remember the parables of the talents and the pounds and don't forget the "occupy till I come" instruction. There are enormous practical applications in these thoughts for the ministry and the work of God. It should be our desire to see them fulfilled as we invest ourselves in His work.

C. Let Your Life Be Guided By Truth

Ecclesiastes 12, key verse 12:13

1. Introductory note

This is a very vital subject since we live in a world where people constantly look for shortcuts and substitute methods for doing what God has said...or not doing it, as the case may be. The Lord has given His word for our guidance and the effectiveness of life is rather well measure by how the Word is used in it. Contrary compromise to truth will not produce the faithful character of living that honors God.