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Ecclesiastes 9



“Every man dies,
not every man truly lives.”



The logo features the word "YOLO" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below it, the phrase "YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE" is written in a smaller, all-caps, grey, sans-serif font. The entire text is centered within a white circle that is set against a solid black background.

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(Ecclesiastes 9:1-3 ESV)

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The Pursuit of Meaning

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Death is an Appointment, not an Accident

And just as it is appointed for man to die once....
(Hebrews 9:27 ESV)

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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But he who is joined with all the living has hope,
for a living dog is better than a dead lion.
For the living know that they will die,
but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward,
for the memory of them is forgotten.
Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished,
and forever they have no more share
in all that is done under the sun.

(Ecclesiastes 9:4-6 ESV)

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Carpe Diem!

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Yesterday is history.
Tomorrow is mystery.
Today is a gift.
That's why it is called the Present.

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Today & Everyday!

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do. Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun.

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Savour!

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

Ecc 5:18

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.

Ecc 5:19

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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becoming

WORLDLY SAINTS



There are 2 ways to ruin our relationship with the Giver.....

The 1st is to ignore him and focus entirely on his gifts.....

The 2nd way is to ignore the gift and focus entirely on the Giver.

If the 1st temptation ignores the God who gives,
the 2nd refuses to let him be the God who gives.

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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This latter (2nd) temptation is a subtler form of idolatry.

It's idolatry because we are acting as if we know better than God, who gives us “every good and perfect gift” to enjoy.

.....And it's subtle because it seems exceedingly pious.....

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Savour!

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Savour & Labour!

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might,
for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom
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(Ecclesiastes 9:10 ESV)

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“No man ever served God
by doing things tomorrow.”

Charles Spurgeon

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Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

(Romans 12:11 ESV)

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Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,
knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance
as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

(Colossians 3:23-24 ESV)

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Opportunity



Why do you stand on tip-toe?



**Why do you stand on tip-toe?
I am ever running.**



And why you have a pair of wings on your feet?



And why you have a pair of wings on your feet?

I fly away swiftly with the wind.



And why does your hair hang over your face?



**And why does your hair hang over your face?
For him to seize me by the forelock when I come.**



And why is the back of your head bald?



**And why is the back of your head bald?
That when I'm gone, none can lay hold of me.**



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Savour & Labour!

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yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God,
because they fear before him.

(Ecclesiastes 8:12 ESV)

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