



September 1, 2024

Ecclesiastes

Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us today.

Our Vision is to make disciples who make disciples for God's glory.

Today's sermon continues the series, *Ecclesiastes: Living with the End in Mind*.

Today's message is given by Senior Pastor Jerry Barber and is based on Ecclesiastes 2:12-26 and titled, "The Trump Card."

If you are our guest today, thank you for joining us.

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What's Happening:

- **HARVESTUDENTS (6th-12th grade):** Tonight, 5 pm
- **Moms in Prayer:** Tonight, 5 pm
- **Sharing Hearts Ladies Group:** Tuesday, September 3, 1:30 pm
- **English as a Second Language:** Friday, September 6, 10 am
- **Corporate Prayer Gathering:** Sundays, 9 am
- **Virtual Prayer Gathering:** Thursdays, 7:30 am

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THE TRUMP CARD | ECCLESIASTES 2:12-26

Context: The Teacher reflected on wisdom earlier in the book (1:12-18) and now returns to that topic, adding something very important to the equation: the “trump card” of death.

12-14 **Basic truth: wisdom is better than folly.**

14b-16 **Two unavoidable realities:**

17-25 **Tension: Emotions (17-23) vs. Convictions (24-26)**



How should we think about these realities?

1. Acknowledge emotions but rest on _____.
2. Don't stifle or deny questions, but put them _____.
3. Enjoy God's gifts in the way He intends, but don't _____.
4. Don't deny the apparent futility of life, but know that with God _____!

The “trump card” to everything in life is death