

Remember your Creator (Ecclesiastes 11:7 – 12:8)

Introduction

- How are older people viewed today?
- List three Bible verses which challenge this attitude.
  - i)
  - ii)
  - iii)
- What else does the Bible say about old age?

i Remember your Creator and enjoy your youth (11:7 – 12:1a)

- What note is The Teacher sounding here?
- What is joyful in v7?
- What is commended in v8?
- What note of realism is also sounded there?
- What are the young told to do in v9?
- Why is The Teacher not advocating a wild life?
- What does he counsel in v10?
- How does he qualify this?
- What liberating message does this have for us?
- What are some things you could enjoy?

- Where is the deepest joy found?
- Why can we also enjoy the world around us, v1a?
- What does I Timothy 6:17 say?
- How is this a challenge to us?
- What are some good reasons to be joyful?

#### ii Remember your Creator and invest your youth (12:1-7)

- What does it mean to remember our Creator?
- What do v1-5a paint a grim picture of?
- What are some things which are likely to go wrong in old age?
- And what is left after that, v5b-7?
- When is the time to turn to the Lord, then?
- Why is old age sometimes too late?
- What stops us remembering our Creator?
- What is the solution?
- How can you invest your life from then on?
- What if you are no longer young?

#### Conclusion

- Where does The Teacher return in v8?
- So what is his answer?