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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

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Graduation Skills

When people graduate from High School or University, they should be looking ahead at life. Solomon made it simple in **Ecclesiastes 9:9-11**. Plan to:

- 1) "Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life"—i.e., be in a close, stable marriage;
- 2) "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might"—i.e., work hard at honorable work;
- 3) "I returned and saw under the sun that - The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all" — i.e., everything is not under our personal control-live with it.

One is not alone in marriage; diligent work is rewarded and appreciated; life levels the "playing field" for everyone. Good advice!

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**The Meaning In Life**

Before he was given wisdom, Solomon said he:

Hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind. (**Ecclesiastes 2:17**)

"Under the sun" describes a life on earth, and without God, it is meaningless.

Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. (**Ecclesiastes 2:18-19**)

Without God in our life, we can hate life and we can hate work.

There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. (**Ecclesiastes 2:24**)

God blesses lives who pause to enjoy it and thank Him.

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Cruelty to People

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. (**Psalm 71:4**)

Those who have cruelly, viciously tortured a mentally-challenged schizophrenic should thank God we no longer live under the Law of Moses, for God's justice dealt harshly with cruelty:

If a man causes disfigurement of his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him — fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he has caused disfigurement of a man, so shall it be done to him. (**Leviticus 24:19-20**)

It is only enemies that hate with such a cruel hatred (**Psalm 25:19**). What they did is the definition of a "hate crime." Christians recognize that without "the kindness and the love of God our Savior," people are "living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another" (**Titus 3:3-4**).

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**Answer to Cruelty**

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. (**Hebrews 12:12-13**)

Whether this is discussing physical or spiritual weaknesses, a Christian's attitude should be to help and not hinder. Meanness toward the weak showed a lack of respect for God:

You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the LORD. (**Leviticus 19:14**)

Cursed is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road.' And all the people shall say, "Amen!" (**Deuteronomy 27:18**)

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. (**1 Thessalonians 5:14**)

Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. (**Matthew 5:7**)

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Cruelty to Animals

Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, And attend to your herds;
For riches are not forever, Nor does a crown endure to all generations.
(**Proverbs 27:23-24**)

Man's dependency upon animals calls for attention to their care. Even though: ...

Natural brute beasts [are] made to be caught and destroyed
(**2 Peter 2:12**),

humans should not mistreat animals. Many murderers, as children, mistreated animals. Animals are made to sacrificially give benefit to humans.

The lambs will provide your clothing, And the goats the price of a field;
You shall have enough goats' milk for your food, For the food of your household,
And the nourishment of your maidservants.
(**Proverbs 27:26-27**)

It is a foolish rancher who neglects or hurts his herds.

A righteous man regards the life of his animal. (**Proverbs 12:10**)

Respect for God's Creation shows respect toward God.

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