

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 **Be Conscious Of God In The Time Of Youth  
Old Age Ills Hamper Ability In Relationship With God & Life**

*Seek God in Early Life*

<sup>1</sup>Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,  
Before the difficult days come,  
And the years draw near when you say,  
"I have no pleasure in them":

<sup>2</sup>While the sun and the light,  
The moon and the stars,  
Are not darkened,  
And the clouds do not return after the rain;  
<sup>3</sup>In the day when the keepers of the house tremble,  
And the strong men bow down;  
When the grinders cease because they are few,  
And those that look through the windows grow dim;

<sup>4</sup>When the doors are shut in the streets,  
And the sound of grinding is low;  
When one rises up at the sound of a bird,  
And all the daughters of music are brought low.

<sup>5</sup>Also they are afraid of height,  
And of terrors in the way;  
When the almond tree blossoms,  
The grasshopper is a burden,  
And desire fails.

For man goes to his eternal home,  
And the mourners go about the streets.

<sup>6</sup>*Remember your Creator* before the silver cord is loosed, \*  
Or the golden bowl is broken,  
Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain,  
Or the wheel broken at the well.

<sup>7</sup>Then the dust will return to the earth as it was,  
And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

<sup>8</sup>"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,  
"All *is* vanity."

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**Facts Revealed:**

- ✧ Solomon gave wise counsel for the young.
- ✧ Old age brings many infirmities that limit one's ability in life and in one's respond to our creator.

- ✧ Verses 2 through 6 give a picturesque description of the problems associated with old age.
- ✧ Verse 7 speaks of our return to dust after death.
- ✧ Solomon viewed the process as vanity.