

## The Message Notes

**Message:** *What's The Bottom Line*

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<sup>13</sup>That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. <sup>14</sup>God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.'

**Objective:** To teach Christ followers what is their true purpose in life, and to remind them that a life outside of God is futile.

As we journey through the book, we see the Teacher attempting to find meaning in a host of worldly things.

- PLEASURE
- PEOPLE
- POSITION
- POSSESSIONS

### Young People

“Yes, remember your creator now while you are young” - Eccl. 12:6

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – After Solomon lived a full life “under the Sun”, outside of God, and found no fulfillment, he needed to plan.  
Jesus is Savior AND Lord! Everybody wants a Savior, but few want a Lord. Savior rescues; Lord rebukes.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Fear God and keep his commands - Eccl 12:13.  
A directive is something that serves to direct, guide, and usually impels toward an action or goal. To fear God means to show reverence or respect.

In order to keep God's commands, we must know what they are. This means we must study His word. We must know what His word says, to carry out His will.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ – “for this is everyone's duty” – Eccl 12:13. The definition of duty is “something that one is expected or required to do by moral or legal obligation”. God has given mankind a duty to carry out. That duty is to fear God and keep his commands.

*“Keeping God's commands may sometimes go against societal norms”.*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ – “God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad” – Eccl. 12:14.

One day, we will all stand before God and give an account. God is going to bring every deed we've done here on Earth into judgment.

2 Corinthians 5:10 says, *“for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body whether good or evil”.*

TAKEAWAY: As Christ followers, we must come to understand that our purpose in this life is to fear God and keep His commands. Doing so will allow us to one day hear our Lord and Savior say, “Well done, my good and faithful servant”.