

## Good things that won't last

### 2. Eccl 9:1–12 — The full and fleeting life

#### 1 Life is uncertain vv 11–12

a no simple rules

b evil events come unexpectedly

#### 2 Under God, all share life's same shifting fortunes v 1

#### 3 All share the same fate of death vv 2–6

a regardless of character v 2

b life's full of trouble, then you die v 3

c and face God's judgment 3:17; 11:9; 8:12–13

d life is better than death — at least you know you'll die vv 4–6

#### 4 Therefore, *carpe diem* vv 7–10

a eat, drink and be merry *cf.* 1 Kings 4:20

b for this is God's good gift, will and purpose *cf.* 2:24–26

c know it cannot last v 10

#### 5 The full and fleeting life

a *NOT* asceticism *cf.* 1 Tim 4:4–5

b *NOT* hedonism

c *NOT* prosperity doctrine

## Questionnaire: what's life all about?

1	I like telling people how I fill the time in my week.	SA	A	N	D	SD
2	I have already travelled enough in my life.	SA	A	N	D	SD
3	I talk to many different people at parties.	SA	A	N	D	SD
4	I am unplanned.	SA	A	N	D	SD
5	I want everything to add up perfectly.	SA	A	N	D	SD
6	This week, I have imagined what it would be like to have more money.	T	F			
7	I listen to my heart, rather than my mind.	SA	A	N	D	SD
8	If $a - b = b - 3 = 6$ , what is the value of $a$ ?	-3	6	9	15	18
9	In a state of _____, we are likely to have _____. (a) desuetude...activity; (b) theocracy...sin; (c) ochlocracy...havoc; (d) bureaucracy...respect	a	b	c	d	
10	I feel proud/ashamed/happy/anxious when I can/can't answer questions like 8 and 9.	SA	A	N	D	SD
11	This week, I have taken an opportunity to tell someone about Jesus.	T	F			
12	I try to work in such a way as to win my colleagues' respect.	SA	A	N	D	SD
13	I tend to value fairness more than feelings.	SA	A	N	D	SD
14	I have been on a diet at some stage in the last six months.	T	F			
15	Democracy is the best form of government.	SA	A	N	D	SD
16	I spend enough time with my family.	SA	A	N	D	SD
17	I would rather listen to music than read a book.	SA	A	N	D	SD
18	I have a favourite philosopher.	T	F			
19	I have a good eye for detail	SA	A	N	D	SD
20	It would be wise to invest in the Sydney property market at the moment.	SA	A	N	D	SD