



Main Point: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man

- (1) The Balance of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes (vs. 9-10)
- (2) The Goal of getting us Moving (vs. 11-12)
- (3) The Key to life is the fear of God (vs. 13)

#1:

“Without him, life is at best a puzzle, at worst a tragedy; this is not a self-contained ‘user-friendly’ universe. With him we learn that even when his immediate purposes are hidden from us his ways are perfect (for we do not always, nor do we ever fully, understand his plans). We also learn this: even though we will never know everything about this world, we do know something about everything: God is its Creator, and he is our heavenly Father.”

Sinclair Ferguson
The Pundit’s Folly: Chronicles of an Empty Life, p. 77.

#2:

“The aim of this Preacher’s message is that we who listen will come to believe in God and to recover our purpose with his gift and to see that our *whole purpose as human beings is a God-centered relationship toward all things*. This Preacher hopes to persuade us to recognize that God is the one to whom we belong and in whom we must place our trust.”

Zach Eswine
Recovering Eden, p. 17

#3:

“When one devotes one’s life to the Lord, the mundane march through this passing world becomes a dance of eternal significance. Yet it is not as though this world stops being cursed or becomes a substitute for the world to come. We remain in this fallen world eating, drinking, and working, but we do so to the glory of God and to the satisfaction of our souls.”

Douglas Sean O’ Donnell
Ecclesiastes, p. 219

#4:

Psalm 16:6,11

“The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places... in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

#5:

Hebrews 4:13

“And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”