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- But you have it ... and you should make the most of it!
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• You should heed him before life is over (Ec 12:1, 13-14).
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• The next ten seconds or another decade are His gifts.
Why Did He Give You Life?

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• He did not give you your life for you! Get this straight!
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Who Tries to Measure Your Life?

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- **These three** … work together to deny God your life.
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How Does the Flesh Measure You?

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• Heart ... follow your heart? Your deceitful heart?
What Counts to the World?

A Degree from Harvard
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Research to find the cure for AIDS
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Politics
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Feeding the Poor in Africa
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Athletic Success
What Counts to the World?

Having Fun – Doing Whatever You Want
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Great Looking Spouse
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• This king wrote you a letter to make your life count!
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- **Parents and pastors** ... how do God’s offices see you
How Do Good Men Measure?

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- What is your CQ (character quotient)? WQ? SQ?
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For Further Study


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