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Enjoy ______¹ and the things he's blessed you with. 1. Enjoy ______¹ and the things he's blessed you with. 1. 2. Look forward to an eternal relationship with God. 2. Look forward to an eternal relationship with God. Be _____2 in your life. 3. Be _____² in your life. 3. Do _____³ things in your life. 4. Do _____³ things in your life. 4 _____4 your family and your life. 5. _____4 your family and your life. 5. Be _____⁵ in your job. 6. Be _____⁵ in your job. 6. 7 See every moment of life as a gift from God. 7. See every moment of life as a gift from God. Following the principles of God's _____6 for our lives allows us to live the life Following the principles of God's _____⁶ for our lives allows us to live the life that Solomon said was worth living! that Solomon said was worth living! No Time for Anything No Time for Anything 1. _____⁷ pursuits of life as "primary" pursuits of life are dangerous. 1. _____⁷ pursuits of life as "primary" pursuits of life are dangerous. 7 deadly ______⁸ to accomplishing the goals God has for your life. *Ecclesiates 1:16-2:11* 7 deadly ______⁸ to accomplishing the goals God has for your life. *Ecclesiates 1:16-2:11* 1. _____⁹. 1. _____⁹. 2._____¹⁰. 2. _____ ¹⁰. 3. ______¹¹. 3. ______11. 4. Materialistic ¹². 4. Materialistic ¹². **5.** ¹³. 5. ¹³. 6. _____¹⁴. 6._____¹⁴. 7. _____15. 7. _____15.

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