

THE EARLY YEARS: ONSLAUGHT OF REALITY
The Seasons of Life Pt 2
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THE 20'S: THE FLEETING NATURE OF FREEDOM

Eccles. 11:7-8 Light is sweet; it's wonderful to see the sun! When people live to be very old, ... let them also remember that the dark days will be many.

ACCEPTANCE

Eccles. 4:9-10 Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; If one person falls, the other can reach out and help.

<p>Where can I find new friends? Can I love? Am I <u>lovable</u>?</p>
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DESTINY

2 Thes. 1:11 And so we keep on praying for you, that our God will make you worthy of the life to which he called you.

<p>Around what <u>conviction</u> will I organize my life? What will I do with my life? What do I really want out of my life's labors?</p>
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ADJUSTMENT

Eccles. 10:10 Since a dull ax requires great strength, sharpen the blade. That's the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed.

<p>What am I becoming? How am I different from or similar to my parents? What parts of me need <u>changing</u> if I am to get along?</p>

THE 30S: RESPONSIBILITY TRUMPS FREEDOM

Eccles. 11:9 Young man, it's wonderful to be young! ... Do everything you want to do; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do.

COMPANIONSHIP

Proverbs 13:20 Whoever walks with the wise will become wise; whoever walks with fools will suffer harm.

Eccles. 4:12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better,

With whom can I walk through life?

DEFINING SUCCESS

Eccles. 9:11 The fastest runner doesn't always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn't always win the battle. The wise are often poor, and the skillful are not necessarily wealthy. And those who are educated don't always lead successful lives. ...

**How far can I go in fulfilling my sense of purpose?
How do I prioritize the demands on my life?**

ADEQUACY

Philip. 3:12 (NLT) I don't mean to say that I have alreadyBut I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be.

**Why haven't I become a better person by now?
What about the things I thought I would have overcome by now, simply by growing up?
What does my spiritual life look like?**