

THE BENEFITS OF A MID-LIFE QUEST
The Seasons of Life—Part 2
Ecclesiastes 1:3-11
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³What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun? ⁴Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever. ⁵The sun rises and the sun sets, and hurries back to where it rises. ⁶The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. ⁷All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again. ⁸All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing. ⁹What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰Is there anything of which one can say, "Look! This is something new"? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time. ¹¹No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them.

During this mid-life time there is a phenomenon called a mid-life crisis that often strikes people as they pass through this particular season of life.

1. What _____ a mid-life crisis?
2. What _____ people to have a mid-life crisis?
3. What are the _____ of having a mid-life "crisis?"

We'll reap certain benefits in a mid-life quest...

BENEFIT 1. The act of _____ our lives is a simple, yet profoundly powerful process.

BENEFIT 2. When you reach the midway point you have accumulated enough wisdom and life experience to _____ the difference between what is and isn't important.

BENEFIT 3. Your education is behind you, you're established in your career, your kids are approaching independence, and you can see light at the end of the tunnel--a period of life when your time _____ will ease up a little bit.