

DEATH #1

If you had the opportunity to go to a birthday party or a funeral which one would you choose? That may seem like a ridiculous question because, after all, isn't it better to be happy, enjoying life and focusing on pleasant things than to be sad or crying and talking about depressing subjects like death? Well, it depends. Consider this passage from Ecclesiastes 7:1-2, "A good name is better than a good ointment, and the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth. It is better to go to a house of mourning than to a house of feasting, because that is the end of every man, and the living takes it to heart."

Remember, this same book tells us that there is a time for everything. There is a time to be born and a time to die. There is a time to have fun and laugh, but also a time to mourn. And on occasion we need the latter to help us remember what is most important in life. We need to be reminded to live in such a way that we are prepared to die. By reading the Bible and learning how to serve God, we can accomplish the Lord's will in our lives now and be able to receive eternal life when we die. In fact, that is the only way that we can assure that the day of our death will be better than the day of our birth.