MAN'S ULTIMATE DUTY
Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

I. Keep God's commandments because they are <u>divine</u> (9-11).
1 Kings 4:29-30, 32: **And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart** like the sand on the seashore. Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. 32 He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five.

II. Keep God's commandments because they are <u>unique</u> (12).
Ecclesiastes 1:18: For **in much wisdom is much grief,** and he who increases knowledge **increases sorrow.**

Psalm 119:162: **I rejoice at Your word** as one who finds great treasure.

III. Keep God's commandments because they are <u>protective</u> (13-14).

A. They will protect you from doing things that are not <u>important</u> (13).
Deuteronomy 10:12: And now, Israel, **what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God,** to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

John 14:15,21: **If you love Me, keep My commandments.** 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, **it is he who loves Me.** And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

B. They will protect you from doing things that are not <u>godly</u> (14).
Deuteronomy 5:10, 29: but showing mercy to thousands, **to those who love Me and keep My commandments.** 29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them **that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments**, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

Matthew 12:36: But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, **they will give account of it in the day of judgment.**

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