

IS A HOT DOG A SANDWICH?

The One Thing That Is Certain

9:1-6

- We don't have to *understand* God's hand to *trust* God's hand.
- Prosperity isn't proof of God's approval, and suffering isn't proof of His displeasure.
- Death comes to all because sin came to all, so life is precious.

The Many Things That Are Not Certain

9:11-12

- Wisdom, strength, and skill are good, but they don't guarantee the outcome.
- Life is unpredictable to us, but never outside God's control.

The Simple Things That Are Wise

9:7-10

- Enjoy the table: God's gifts are meant to be received with joy and shared.
- Enjoy the everyday: celebrate simple blessings in every season.
- Enjoy your spouse: love that pursues, delights, and endures.
- Enjoy your work: whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.
- Enjoy the gift: don't worship the gift.

The Feast to Come

- Every good gift is a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- Death is the great equalizer, but Christ has defeated death.

Death is unavoidable and life is unpredictable, so "the best thing we can do is trust God, live by faith, and enjoy whatever blessings God gives us."

— Warren W. Wiersbe

Because death is certain and life is uncertain:

Live by _____ when you can't see the whole picture.

Hold your plans with open _____.

_____ today's good gifts as a taste of the feast to come.

Psalm 31:14-15a

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand.

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...

Psalm 90:12

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Psalm 104:14-15

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Acts 2:46

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts...

Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Revelation 19:6b-9a

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Enjoy Life with the One You Love

"Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun..."

Ecclesiastes 9:9

Love that...	Song of Songs (ESV)	In marriage	In Christ
Pursues	2:10 — "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away."	Keep pursuing your spouse: invite, plan, initiate.	God pursues us first: "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19).
Protects	2:15 — "Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards."	Deal with small irritations and distractions before they spoil things.	"No one will snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28).
Belongs	2:16 — "My beloved is mine, and I am his."	You belong to each other; you face life together, not against each other.	"I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1).
Delights	4:7 — "You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you."	Say what you admire out loud, often, not just when you need to soften a hard word.	Christ presents His church "without spot or wrinkle" (Ephesians 5:27).
Befriends	5:16 — "This is my beloved and this is my friend."	Friendship with your spouse is worth pursuing.	"I have called you friends" (John 15:15).
Endures	8:6–7 — "Love is strong as death... Many waters cannot quench love."	Covenant love holds through the floods.	"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you" (Isaiah 43:2).

The Song celebrates married love first. The "In Christ" column shows what that love points to, and it belongs to every believer, married or single.