

AM OUTLINE
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"WHATEVER YOUR HAND FINDS TO DO"

(Ecclesiastes 9:9 – 13)

(Ecclesiastes 9:10) "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going."

1. FIVE QUESTIONS HELP US TO ANALYZE THE TEXT

1) **WHO?** - "Your hand" - I, me, my, you, individuals, make it personal.

2) **WHAT?** - "Whatever your hand finds to do"

"Whatever" - anything; all things we would do; any task or activity.

(1 Cor. 4:2) "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful"

(Rev. 2:10) "... Be faithful till death ..."

3) **HOW?** - "Do it with your might"

"Might" - energy; use the talent, ability, and effort within you; your strength.

That's all one may ask of another: (2 Cor. 8:12) "For if there is first a willing mind,

it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have"

"Triumph" is "try" with a little "umph" behind it.

4) **WHEN?**

We do our "whatever" while we are alive on earth: (Ecc. 1:2) "What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun?"

(John 9:4) "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."

5) **WHY** do "whatever our hand finds to do" here and now?

"For there is no work ... in the grave where you are going"

(Heb. 9:27) "as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment"

2. MOTIVATION, REASONS, TO "DO IT WITH YOUR MIGHT"

1) (Romans 14:12) "Each of us shall give account of himself to God"

2) That's all you can do: "do it with your might"

3) Because the alternative of not doing your best is doing less than your best.

You are turning in work that even you know is not up to standards.

You may develop a pattern or habit of doing less than expected or able.

4) It's a reward within itself, too.