

Breathe Again
Looking Forward

Introduction - You can't take it with you, but you can send it on **AHEAD!**

- Randy Alcorn

Example: Christmas Gifts

I. It's all **EMPTY?** - Ecclesiastes 2:10-11, 17

- Solomon describes an unfulfilled life with raw honesty
- Surrounded by abundance, we still find ourselves in the doldrums of life lacking joy and purpose - Ecclesiastes 1:2-4 NLT, Why try?
- The weary cycle - Ecclesiastes 1:5-8 NLT
- Feeling trapped - Ecclesiastes 1:8-9 TLB

II. Guard the **HEART**

- Paul, opposite from Solomon in life experience, yet...
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- It's always something, right? There must be something bigger than problems to focus on - 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 NLT
- What is happening in us not to us - 2 Corinthians 1:9-11 NLT

III. Eyes on the **PRIZE** - Colossians 3:1-2

- Through prayer, being lifted up; requires practice and patience
- Addressing other's needs - John 6:27; Psalm 112:9
- Focus on the needs of others shrinks ours

Conclusion - May we keep our eyes focused upon **ETERNITY**. - Hebrews
12:1-2