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**Do you serve Time or  
does your Time serve You?**

**Ecclesiastes 9:10-18**

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Ecclesiastes 9:10

**Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might;** for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going.







**Ecclesiastes 9:11**

**I again saw under the sun that  
The race is not to the swift  
And the battle is not to the warriors,  
And neither is bread to the wise  
Nor wealth to the discerning  
Nor favor to men of ability;  
*For time and chance overtake them all***





**Ecclesiastes 9:12**

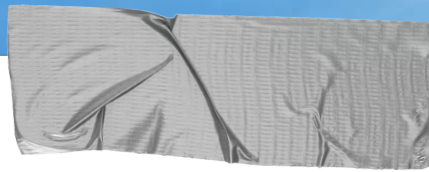
**Moreover, man does not know his  
time:**

**Like fish caught in a treacherous net  
And birds trapped in a snare,  
So the sons of men are ensnared  
*At an evil time when it suddenly falls  
on them.***

TIME AND CHANCE  
**HAPPENS**  
TO EVERYONE







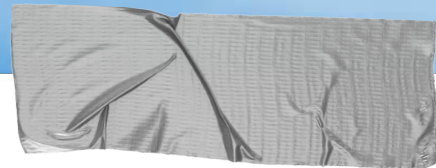
**Ecclesiastes 9:13-14**

**Also this I came to see as wisdom under the sun, and it impressed me. There was a small city with few men in it and a great king came to it, surrounded it and constructed a large siegeworks against it.**









## **Ecclesiastes 9:15-16**

**But there was found in it a poor wise man and he delivered the city by his wisdom. Yet no one remembered that poor man. So I said, “Wisdom is better than strength,” but the wisdom of the poor man is despised and his words are not heeded.**









Ecclesiastes 9:17-18

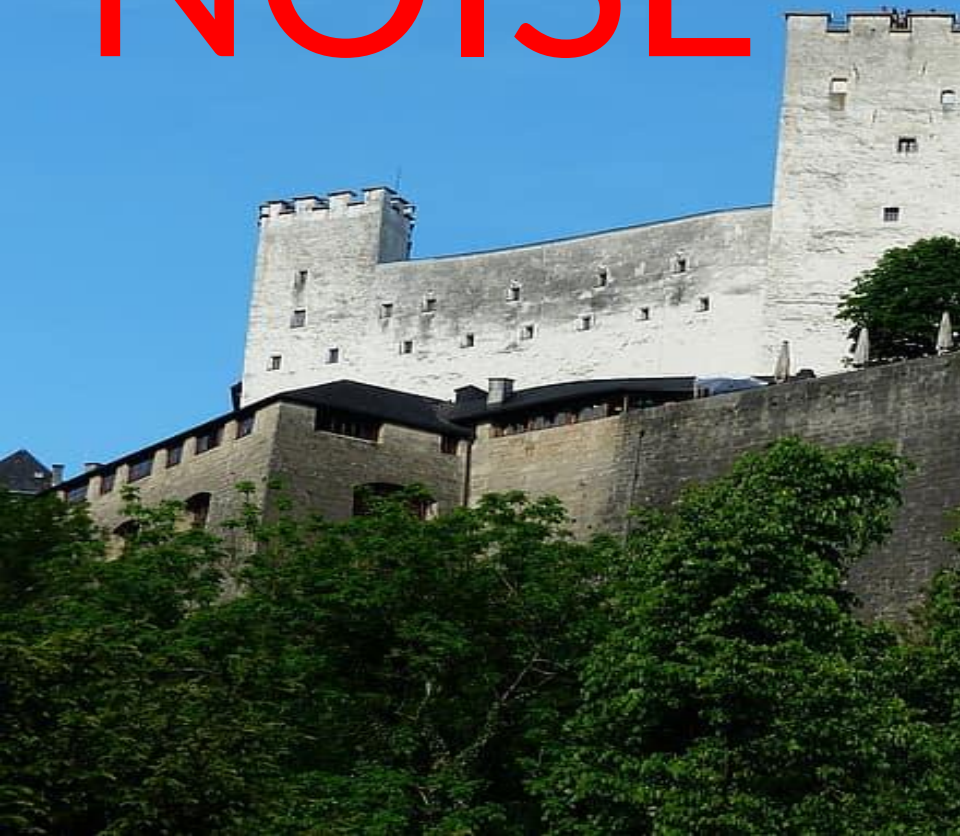
*The words of the wise heard in  
quietness are better  
Than the shouting of a ruler among  
fools.*

*Wisdom is better than weapons of  
war,*

*But one sinner destroys much good.*



# NOISE

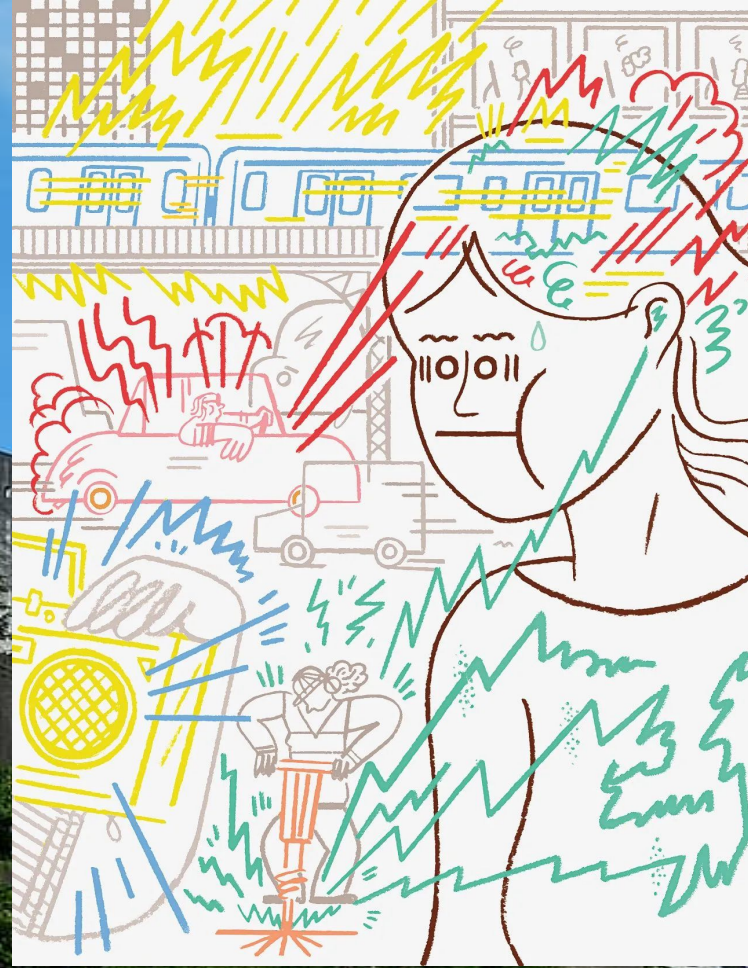








**NOISE**  
**is**  
**temptation**







**Temptation  
never  
disappears**









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Noise makes time your  
master

Noise is temptation

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**Noise makes time your  
master**

**Noise is temptation**

**Temptation never disappears**

**We have to fight temptation**





The Battle of Bannockburn. (See page 347.)



We  
fight  
temptation

# How do we deal with these infinity pools of content?

A stone castle with a flag on a hill under a blue sky. The castle features a prominent square tower and a round tower with a dark roof. The scene is set against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The castle is built on a hillside with green trees in the foreground.

- 1) Recognize that each one is a temptation.
- 2) Exercise discretion by imposing limits.
- 3) Be accountable to someone for those limits.





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**Accept your Finitude**

**Seek Eternity**

**Redeem your Time**

**Serve God's Kingdom**



**Ecclesiastes 12:13**

**Fear God and  
keep his  
commandments,  
for this is the  
whole duty of  
man**







—  
God makes all things beautiful in  
their time

Eternity placed in our hearts

Don't despise small pleasures

God is sovereign over time







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