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The Thief Only
comes to Steal,
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...

Ecclesiastes
Emptiness,
Death, Futility of
Life ... Darkness,
nothing, in this
life, will ever
truly satisfy ...
we are
insignificant...

Black Hole → DEATH STAR ...

Nothing can escape

Even Light itself is sucked in and can never be found again

It Steals, Kills, and Destroys ... perfect illustration of the World System, Satan, and our Old Sinful Flesh ... a

all want to control us and cause us to be Defeated, even after we are Born Again...

There is no way of escape from Evil, except for the Miracle of God's Intervention ...

Black Holes are like the Eternal Sleep of Death ... we need to Wake up before it is too late and there is a Point of No Return

The World, the Flesh, and the Devil ... the Evil Trinity are like the DARKNESS described in Romans 13:11-14 and Ephesians 5:11-14

We are to Cast off those things and Pursue the LIGHT in Christ as Warriors for the Christ Arming ourselves with the Armor of LIGHT ... Only In Christ can we escape the Lure and Draw of the World System around us... like escaping a Black Hole ... only God has More Power than a Black Hole to Rescue us from that Darkness

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Jesus came to
bring us LIFE
and that fully
Abundant
(eternally
satisfying) ...

Ecclesiastes 12
Real LIFE is
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faithfully
obedient
relationship with
God

Jesus said that He brings us LIFE and that much more abundantly...

Just like the Physical Sun in the Sky brings energy to plants around us ... thus sustains life ... (illustration / analogy)

So it is with Christ in our LIVES ... if we make sure we are Exposed to His LIGHT in our LIVES we will Thrive abundantly.

We must stay close to Him ...

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the LIFE ..." John 14:6 ... He is our Very Source of LIFE, Significance, Full Satisfaction, Reason for Living, etc...

Real LIFE is ONLY Found in a Genuine, Intimate Relationship with God in which we are His Children, His Servants and He is our Father and Master.

That is the only way we can find real, satisfying and meaningful lives.

Anything else the world offers is ashes in our hands ... emptiness and will never fully satisfy deep in our souls.

Our Souls need the Shining Rays of Christ's LIGHT into our Hearts ... otherwise we wither, fall asleep, and fade away ...

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Let's re-read this again ...

The Black Hole represents the Sleep of Death, Darkness, the Flesh of sinfulness ... lewdness and sinful lusts ... all leading to Death (inescapable death) . . . Emptiness of strife and envy

Jesus is represented by the Life giving Sun in the sky ... LIGHT of LIFE ... the ARMOR of LIGHT ... as Warriors for Christ, Warriors of the LIGHT

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- 1. Wake UP ... like we do when the Sun comes up ...
→ Jesus is closer to returning than ever before...
MY MOTIVATION is Christ's soon Return (vv 11-12)**
- 2. We are Warriors of Christ or Warriors of the LIGHT
Put on the Armor of the LIGHT ... them's fightin' words
Anything that might hinder us from the "Fight" we must
get rid of out of our life so that we can fight the good
fight of THE FAITH ... freeing ourselves so that we can
Spread the Gospel more Effectively and Fruitfully (12-13)**
- 3. Our Armor IS the LORD of LIGHT → Jesus Christ
Put on the LORD Jesus Christ – get rid of sin ... (14)**

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How are we supposed to FIGHT this fight AS Warriors of Christ, as Warriors of the LIGHT?

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1. I must AVOID being a part of those things that God hates. This does not mean I hate those sinners caught in the deeds of darkness (on the contrary I am to love them)
2. I must EXPOSE [WARN!!!] what those things are and how they might hurt others if they get involved in them or already caught up in them (expose them to the LAW)
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2 Corinthians 4:1-4

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, WE DO NOT LOSE HEART. ² But we have RENOUNCED the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by MANIFESTATION of the TRUTH commending ourselves to every man's CONSCIENCE in the sight of God. ³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose MINDS the god of this age has BLINDED, who do not believe, lest the LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should SHINE on them.

I'm NOT giving up... not throwing in the towel, because Christ is coming back soon... my motivation for keeping on and staying the course ...

I focus on the CONSCIOUS of people, NOT on their INTELLECT ... if I focus on their Intellect, their MIND is already Hostile (enemies) of God and His Word ... and think of His Word as foolishness. So, we "attack" fully the Conscious of humans, instead. The LAW of GOD exposes the evil in human hearts.

Not trying to manipulate people to become "Christians" by "craftiness" ...

I must be TRUE to God's Word ... not Compromising it to fit our current Cultural Morés, etc... (i.e. "handling the word of God deceitfully")

Manifestation of God's Truth, the Truth.

Our Focus is to PRAYERFULLY share God's Word to the LOST ... as Warriors of the LIGHT in Christ ...

The LIGHT is Christ Revealed through God's Holy Word, the Bible – Spoken, Shared, Proclaimed.