

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Ps 90:12 - "So teach us to number our days, / That we may gain a heart of wisdom."

We must evaluate our time based on the fact that life is brief. Every life has a built-in time fuse: some people's time fuses get burnt up quickly, some other peoples' not so quickly. Every birth signals the beginning of the countdown which forces an exit from earth. We may try to ignore the burning fuse and drown it out with numerous things. Some try to drown it out with pleasures; others try to drown it out with possessions; and still others try to drown it out with prestige for their own lives. But all of those things are basically incorporated because people do not want to think about the fact that their lives are short.

We are to live a day at a time. We usually don't number our days; we normally number our years, as we do when we tell people how old that we are. And, yes, God does mention in His word many times the age in years of many of those people. But a lesson to be learned, and we need God to teach it to us, is the lesson to not just number our years or our months, but to number our days. Life is short; death is coming.

In light of this, if you do not know for sure that if you were to die that you would go to Heaven, the first act of sanity that you need to do is speak with someone about how you can know from God's Word what He says about it. If you are already a Christian, the first act of sanity is to line up your life and priorities for when we stand before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ. Invest your life in eternity and for those treasures there in Heaven.

But Moses here faces death resolutely just as the writer in Ecclesiastes (my favorite book in the Bible). We can face death square in the face with peace and joy because of the second line of this verse.

We must take care of our heart and live from our heart. Proverbs 4:23 says "keep your heart with all of your keeping, for out of it are the issues of life." What is in your heart directs your life. Life from the heart, the true inner man. This heart is to be lived in light of God's wisdom. Wisdom is the practical skill of living life from God's perspective with the best way to reach the best goal. Biblical wisdom goes against man trying to live independent of God. Biblical wisdom focuses on the Lord's sovereignty and learning His Word. And we must live by God's wisdom found in His Word. This means applying God's Word and the skill of doing so, at the right time, in the right way, and with the right motive. Realizing that life is short helps us use the little time we have more wisely for eternity's sake. Do you know what you want written on your tombstone? What is your ultimate purpose in life? What steps are you taking toward that today?

Praying for you today, my loved ones.