

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Priorities for the New Year

EVALUATE OUR PRIORITIES

- Another Year has passed!!!
- New Years is often a time for Self-Evaluation
- Resolutions are made and plans are laid
- The changes in our world this past year show us our need to re-evaluate our priorities to be all that God wants us to be

A COMPARISON OF GOD AND MAN

- Psalm 90
- God is Eternal – vs. 1,2
- Man is Temporal – vs. 3-6
- God is Holy and is judge – vs. 7-10
- Man is sinful and is judged

HOW DO WE MEASURE UP?

- Recognizing our Position before God should result in a Holy Fear, and a desire to do something about it.
- We will not have enough desire to change the way we live until we are totally disgusted with who we are and how we live our lives.

OUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED!!

- Change takes place one day at a time.
- This is my 23,307th day.
- If I live to 70 I will live 25,568 days
 - 2263 days to go
- To 80, I will live 29,220 days
 - 5914 days to go
- Everyday the news reminds us there is no guarantee for tomorrow

OUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED!!

- So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. ESV
- So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom. NASB
- Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. NIV
- Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts. HCSB
- Teach us how short our lives really are so that we may be wise. NCV

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HOW ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR LIFE?

- Each life is made up many days filled with many small decisions.
- The small decisions made each day determine how God will judge life.
- We need God's Wisdom to make wise choices. Vs 14

HOW DO WE BECOME WISE?

- The word used for "present, gain, apply" is also translated- bring- 441 xs, bring in- 44 xs, and carry 15 xs.
- These verses speak of the need to grab our heart and drag it to learn wisdom.
- We must be aggressive in learning wisdom
- Prov.1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and discipline

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE?

- Evaluate how you are doing.
 - How have you allowed the HS to minister through you in this past year?
 - What opportunities did you miss?
- What are some things you believe God would have you do this year?
 - Write them down.
 - Make it measurable.

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Ps.90:12 NCV