

First Things First

Priorities for the New Year

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Evaluate our Priorities

- Another Year has passed!!!
- New Years is often a time for Self-Evaluation
- Do you take the time to review the past year to evaluate what did and what could've taken place?
- Do you allow God to be a part of the resolutions that are made and plans that are laid?

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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. 7-9
- Our time here is short and fleeting - 10
- Man is sinful and is judged – 11
- Fullness is found in God alone – 12-17

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How Do We Measure Up?

- Recognizing we will stand before God to give account for how we lived, 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.
- These are the first few principles of AA
- A true understanding of who we are comes from who God is. Isa.6:1-8

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Our Days Are Numbered!!

- Change takes place one day at a time.
- This is my 23,664 day
- If I live to 70 I will live 25,569 days
 - 1906 days to go
- To 80, I will live 29,221 days
 - 5558 days to go
- Everyday the news reminds us there is no guarantee for tomorrow

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Our Days Are Numbered!!

- So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom. NASB
- So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. KJV
- 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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Our Days Are Short!!

**Only one Life,
Twill soon be past,
Only what's done for
Christ will last.**

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How are you spending your life?

- Do we want to be used by God this year?
- Are we living for the last 10 years of this life, or the first 10,000,000 years of eternity?
- Each life is made up of many days filled with many small decisions.
- The small decisions made each day determine how God will judge our life.
- We Need God's Wisdom to make wise choices.

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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 (reverent awe)

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What is our Response?

- Evaluate how you are doing.
 - How have you allowed the HS to minister through you in this past year?
 - You will never know what opportunities you missed through self centeredness.
- What are some things you believe God would have you do this year?
 - Write them down.
 - Make it measurable.

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Looking Ahead

- What would it mean to waste my life?
- What would it mean to live well – not to waste life but to ?
- How to finish that sentence is the question.
- What is the opposite of wasting my life?
- To be successful in a career? Accumulate money?
- Meditate on Micha 6:8 "What does Yahweh require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

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Our Days Are Numbered!!

**Teach us how short
our lives really are
so that we may be
wise.**

Ps.90:12 NCV

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