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Time Is Filled With Swift Transition (Jamey Hinds)

“For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh ... So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:9, 12).

Our title comes from the opening line to a familiar hymn. The chorus urges us to hold to God’s unchanging hand. Hebrews 13:8 would remind us that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Moses put it this way: “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God” (Psalm 90:2). This is one of my favorite passages highlighting God’s eternal nature—no beginning and no end (also read John 5:26–27).

Eternity should be the essential framework within which everything we think, say, and do is being accomplished. In other

words, “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him ... Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ” (Colossians 3:17, 23–24).



As Jesus Himself taught: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot

be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:14–16).

The apostle Peter, carried along by the Holy Spirit, admonishes us: “But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day ... But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away



with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn” (2 Peter 3:8, 10–12).

Again, everything we strive to be as Christians—genuinely born again (i.e., born from above, John 3:3, 31)—should reflect eternity.

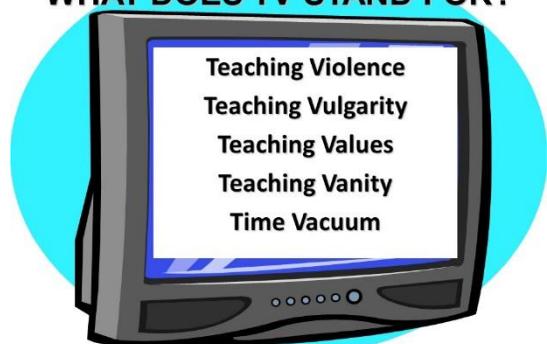
This means how we work, including that we work (1 Thessalonians 4:11; Ephesians 4:28); how we behave ourselves at home with our family “behind closed doors”; how we vacation, worshiping the Lord in spirit and truth when we’re traveling and away from our “home congregation.” It’s a 24/7/365 task, but it’s what God wants from us so that He would receive from us glory and honor (John 4:23–24; Romans 2:6–7, 10–11; 1 Peter 1:7).

This doesn’t mean we’re never going to falter, but that even in our faltering we will glorify God in that

we repent, and in how we repent—repenting like the apostle Peter did (cp. John 13:36–38; 21:15–19), and not like the apostle Judas Iscariot (Matthew 27:3–10; Acts 1:18–19). As the apostle John wrote: “If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know him if we keep his commandments” (1 John 1:10–2:3).

Knowing that time is filled with swift transition should translate into our thinking that we must trust even more in God who promises and is able to keep all His promises (Hebrews 6:15–18; 2 Peter 1:4). One way we can express this is in our prayers. When the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray, one of the phrases we find is: “Give us each day our daily bread” (Luke 11:3). We find this also in the sermon on the mount (Matthew 6:11).

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The teaching isn't just that we say this phrase, but that the thinking and the dependence be completely on God who provides. When Paul and Barnabas were preaching in Lystra, they taught the people that God "did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17). In other words, God provided for their daily needs.

We may not like being dependent on anyone, but God wants us to be dependent upon Him in everything. Because life is short—no matter how long we are able to live — we must depend on God's teaching in His word every day to grow: "See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.' This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God

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acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:25–29).

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him ... You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:14–15, 17–18).

Time changed today. Today is a good day to change more than the clock. Change the heart and you will change eternity.



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Life By The Numbers (Dee Bowman)

“You’ll find your happiness lies right under your eyes, back in your own back yard.” So said a song of long ago. I was thinking about that the other day. How long since you looked in your own backyard? Here are some suggestions:

1. Be satisfied with what you have been given. You are what God made you. If you make the best of it and serve God with it, you will likely be happy.
2. Live joyfully with your own wife. Pedestalize her, elevate her, give her the kind of love and attention

she deserves. You made a good choice. Make her glad of it.

3. Take charge of your own affairs. It’s your life to live, so quit letting the world be your mentor. Exert your moral independence and you will feel good about your life, even if it hurts sometimes.
4. Be aware of your influence. After all, it’s one of your most precious and important possessions. Use it wisely and well.

Knute Rockne, the famous football coach at Notre Dame, once observed, “The trouble in American life today, in business as well as in sports, is that too many people are afraid of competition. The result is that in some circles, people have come to sneer at success if it costs hard work and training and sacrifice.”

The same reality is found in the Christian life. There is no victory without sacrifice, no triumph without commitment.

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