



of your life

Your Days Are Numbered

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Scriptures: Job 7:6, 9:25; Psalm 90:1–6, 10–12

Series Idea: Time is your most valuable asset. Invest it well. Invest it in something bigger than your lifetime.

Introduction

1. For the most part, we usually know what time it is. On rare occasions, we “lose track of time.”
2. There’s something more important than knowing what time it is. It is knowing **what to do with our time.**
3. Truth is, most of us spend more time looking at what time it is than we do looking at what we do with our time.
4. Besides, watches remind us of a most painful reality: time is going by. We look down and see hours slipping by. We measure time in minutes. But wait, there’s more. We measure time in seconds.
5. Biblical writers had a good deal to say about the fleeting nature of time. Here are some happy thoughts from Job:

Job 7:6

“My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and they come to an end without hope.” [*Why don’t they put that on a calendar?*]

Job 9:25

“My days are swifter than a runner; they fly away without a glimpse of joy.”

6. Around age 43, something happened in my head that happens to everyone eventually. I quit thinking about how old I was and started thinking more in terms of how much TIME I had left. I would tell Sandra, “If we are going to do something, we better get on with it.” She would say, “What are we supposed to be doing?” I’d say, “I don’t know, but . . .”
7. Then I found the DEATH CLOCK.com and I started thinking even more seriously about what I was doing with my time.
8. As morbid as it sounds, living with the end in mind is biblical.

*On this subject, we get some great insight from Moses. Moses, who, when he was young, realized that although he was being raised as an Egyptian, he was a Hebrew. His kin were all slaves, so he decided to free the nation of Israel by killing one Egyptian at a time. He was chased out of Egypt and became a nomad shepherd. **Moses spent 40 years doing seemingly nothing** only to discover that God used those 40 idle years to prepare him for something extraordinary. He wrote a poem of sorts that appears in the book of Psalms. It is the oldest Psalm. Moses tells us that context is . . .*

I. Context is everything.