

Life is Too Short

By Bill Brandstatter

One of my grandsons was married this year. Another grandson entered the sixth grade. Also, my wife and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary later this year. I also signed up for Medicare this year. It just doesn't seem possible all those events are happening in the same year. It seems like I get up at six in the morning, and before I know it five in the afternoon is upon me. All this has caused me to contemplate life; what the Bible says about the brevity of life and how seriously we need to be to make the most of the life we have. The point of Biblical teaching is that the importance of life is not so much the quantity of years as it is the quality. The Psalmist wrote, "We spend our lives as a tale that is told," (Psalm. 90:9 KJV). What kind of tale is your life telling? In thinking about the quality of our lives, emphasis is placed on making the most of the time we have.

We should pay attention and make the most of our lives on earth. The Psalmist wrote, "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm. 90:12 (NKJV) This is a similar thought Paul expressed when he wrote, "Redeeming our time because the days are evil." (Ephesians. 5:16) As we look back on life, do we have any regrets? As we look at the present, are there any changes we need to make? As we look toward the future, is there anything we can do now to affect the future?

We can't just compare our lives to others by indicating we are better than someone else. Our souls are precious (Matthew. 16:26). We should do some serious thinking about where we are spiritually and where we want to be eternally. Peter told the Jews on Pentecost, "Save yourselves" (Acts 2:40). I must do something because the future will be here before I know it.

We should make the most of our lives because we don't have long here compared to eternity. Peter described our lives as grass that eventually withers and falls away (1 Peter 1:24). Life is compared in the Bible to: sleep (Psalm 90:5); a shadow (Ecclesiastes. 6:12); a moment (2 Corinthians. 4:17); and a weaver's shuttle (Job 7:6). Many of us can identify with these descriptions. We see how accurate these descriptions are every day we live.

How are spending our lives? Do we pay more attention to the physical comforts of life than we do the spiritual? Jesus said, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15). Let us be more diligent in our spiritual lives in case death comes too early for us and our lives are cut short.



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

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Scripture Reading: Acts 3:1-10

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: September 30th**, at the building at 6:30. We have been studying the minor prophets of the Old Testament. We will be continuing our study of Hosea. Please join us!
- **Next Potluck:** TBD
- **Next Regional Singing:** TBA



NEWS

- **Our hot dog extravaganza yesterday was not very well attended. We had 4 neighbors come by for a dog, chips, and a water. They also took a handout with them to read. Every little effort helps us be noticed in our neighborhood and might cause someone to be led to Christ. Thank you to those who helped!**
- We are currently working on getting **House to House** leaflets mailed out to households in the Valley.
- Paul will be preaching today.

PRAYERS

- **Pray for all of us as schools are in session amidst the Covid-19 crisis. We pray that teachers, staff and students remain safe and virus free.**
- **Arthur** will be having a biopsy on his prostate on Tuesday. Please pray that the results will be negative for cancer.
- Pray for **Tim** as he recovers from his infection and the extraction of 4 teeth.
- Pray for **Ted** because he is suffering from vertigo and has lost his balance and fallen recently. He also needs a biopsy on his kidneys.
- **Jackie** has been having bad flare-ups with her arthritis. Please pray that she can be pain free.
- Pray for **John Chacona**, Ted's brother.
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his esophageal cancer in the months to come. Pray for a quick recovery from his recent surgery.
- **Doug Kashorek has asked for prayers for himself and his wife Lori as she has decided to go home to be with the Lord when He decides to take her. Lori is on hospice care now.**

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at barncat7237@gmail.com or text or call (607) 261-0911.