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Worrying & Precious Time

Time is a precious blessing not to be wasted. With each tick of the clock, the brief span of time we have in this world is passing. This is why Paul exhorts us to use our time wisely: “redeeming the time because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:16). We should “number our days,” making the most of each moment, living life to the fullest (Psalm 90:12).

Perhaps, nothing hinders a proper use of time more than the futile exercise of worry. To worry is “to afflict with mental distress or agitation: make anxious” (Webster). Worry goes far beyond reasonable concern. To worry is to be anxious and fretful.

Everyone, at some point, will have to deal with the temptation to worry. Many cares and concerns burden our minds. We may worry about our children, finances, health, marriage, and a thousand other things. But worrying wastes time and accomplishes nothing!

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave some powerful principles regarding worry. He asked, “Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit into his stature?” (Matthew 6:27). The “cubit” of scripture was roughly 22 inches, from the elbow to the end of the middle finger. It is apparent that one cannot increase his or her height by worrying about it. God, by the process of biology, determines the “cubits” of each person’s height. This is out of our control. In this same way, the vast majority of our

worries are beyond our control. Worrying will never improve one’s finances, health, or marriage. Worry will never help your children or grand-children make wise choices. In fact, worry will never do one thing positive for you. But it will waste your time!

Jesus teaches us to “take not thought” for our lives or for tomorrow (Matthew 6:25, 34). Since God knows our needs, He will provide. He takes care of the birds and the lilies, surely, He can and will take care of all who seek Him (Matthew 6:26, 28, 30). Rather than spending our time worrying, we should spend our time “seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33).

If worry has become a problem in your life, break the cycle today. Realize that time is quickly passing. Begin looking to God. Seek Him through a study of His Word, the Bible. Put Him first in your life. Trust His promises, obey His will, and He will take care of you! He promised: “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

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WORKDAYS

The stay safe at home order has been extend through April 30. We are hoping the restrictions will be eased in the next couple of weeks. There are a handful of projects that need to get done at our church building. Walter Anderson is planning to have multiple workdays on the Saturdays in May, with groups of five or less volunteers involved in each workday. If you would like to help, please call our church office and let the secretaries know which Saturdays you are available to help.

BIBLE STUDIES ONLINE

Wednesday Night:
 5:00 p.m. Youth Bible study
 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible study

Sunday Night:
 6:00 p.m. Congregational Bible study

We will be sending out a link to these studies.

From the Preacher's Desk

The Secret to Immortality - David Olmos

If given the ability, would you want to live forever? I'm talking about life on earth; if you could live forever, would you? Before you answer, consider both sides of the coin. If you could live forever, imagine all the things that you would witness. Imagine all the new technologies, innovations, and discoveries you would enjoy. In the past one hundred years, the world has changed in ways many people never expected. Computers are no longer the size of city blocks, phones are no longer attached to the wall, and music can be stored on devices smaller than your finger. If you could live forever, achieve immortality; imagine what you would see in another hundred years and a hundred years after that.

Now let's take a moment and flip the coin over. Although technology and innovation would only get more exciting, I often wonder if living forever would be that enjoyable. War seems to only be getting worse and peace seems like a distant dream; so although you would live forever, would it be a life worth living? How much time would pass before you were bored, wishing there was some way to free yourself from this unending life. As one author wrote, "millions long for immortality who don't know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon." So I ask again if you were given the ability to live forever, what would you choose?

This question has been pondered by countless numbers of individuals, including myself. The part of me that loves technology would love to see what the future holds. However, the Christian in me desires to leave the earth. So, what would I do? What would I choose? I'd choose both; death and immortality. Let me explain.

The secret to immortality cannot be found in a science textbook or a secret lab. The secret to immortality can only be found in the Bible. The Bible tells us that our physical lives are just a nanosecond of something much greater. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." For years mankind has been trying to "live forever", but the truth is, God already offers it, and it's something that every person on the

earth will one day get to experience. The question becomes how do we want to spend eternity.

Today, everywhere we go, we have multiple choices that we can make. What we eat, what we drink, what we wear can seem to have an endless amount of possibilities. However, the Bible gives us two choices and ONLY two choices about our eternity. Heaven and Hell. Matthew 7:13-14 says, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." Romans 2:6-8 says, "He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury." Matthew 25:31-46 goes into detail on that fateful day in which God through Christ will determine our everlasting life. He will separate the sheep from the goats, the righteous from the unrighteous, the wheat from the chaff, and we will be in one of those two groups. The group that will inherit everlasting life, Heaven-bound with worship with God, or the group bound for everlasting punishment, Hell and lake of fire. Regardless of which we choose, our spiritual lives will live on forever. With that understanding, we must ask ourselves again, where do we want to spend eternity?

When I look at all the technological advances in the world, I sometimes wonder what it'll be like 100 years from now. What will the world look like in 2120? Did you know that a child's video game system has more power than the flight computer on a space shuttle? Did you know that the phone we have in our pockets has more power than it took to put a man on the moon? Imagine what possibilities people will come up within another fifty to a hundred years. Yet, the Christian in me desires every day to be with God and to leave this physical life. The Christian in me, as it should in you, desires to do the will of God to ensure that I will be in Heaven when I die. That is why I strive every day, not to please man, but to please God. And, if in the future, someone offers me a pill that would allow me to live forever on earth, I'd politely deny the offer, because eternity in Heaven, with God, is far greater a gift than eternity on earth, away from God. Think on these things...God Bless!



It was announced on Sunday that our Reading Through the Scriptures class would be tackling 1 Timothy this evening. However, this has changed—while we intend to read through the first epistle to Timothy next week, tonight we will be finishing up the discussion we started this past Saturday during our Spiritual Gifts Seminar. If you were not able to attend on Saturday but are interested in discussing the ways in which we can use our God-given talents to bless the community around us, feel free to join in. If you would like to be part of this please follow the link below at 7:00 p.m. this evening:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87933670195>

A special thank you to all of those who were able to be a part of our Spiritual Gifts Seminar for their fervor to continue the conversation.

Upcoming Event:

Wednesday Night Youth Class

April 22 @5:00 p.m. via Zoom



Lindsey Schmerber was baptized Tuesday, April 14. We are overfilled with joy with Lindsey's decision to obey the gospel! We are so proud of her and love her more than ever before! Welcome to the Kingdom of God sister!

SYMPATHY

We express our love and sympathy to the Montgomery family in the loss of Donald Perryman, brother of Joanna Montgomery, who passed away April 3. Donald was Joanna's last surviving sibling.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

"Angleton C of C, Again, you all are stepping up and meeting the needs of Catherine (my daughter), David, Kaylee and Emery. You all prove your Christianity through acts of love! I appreciate your help while David finds himself sick! You are rescuing them again in their time of need! In Christian love,"



Robert & Londa Podvin
(Catherine's mom)

Please Pray

Rick Arnold has pending shoulder surgery...Virgil Davis is back at the nursing facility...Charles Miller, Jr., son of Mary Miller, is home following a stay at UTMB Angleton...David Waldon, friend of David West, was in surgery at the time this bulletin was being published.