

Life Is Too Short

Gen. 47:9

Introduction:

- A. How often have we said, “Life is just too short.”
 - 1. Jacob looked back at his 120 years as “few.”
 - 2. James compares it to a “vapor” or “mist” (Jas. 4:14)
- B. Maybe we should ask, “Life is too short for what?”

Discussion:

I. Life Is Too Short for Wasting.

- A. It is important to properly use time (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5; John 9:4)
 - 1. Good stewardship pertains to more than possessions – it involves time.
 - 2. May recover lost or wasted possessions, not so with time.
- B. Life and time are too precious to waste on:
 - 1. Ungodly living (1 Pet. 4:1-5)
 - 2. Idleness / freeloading (2 Thess. 3:6-14)
 - 3. Brooding in anger, malice and strife (Eph. 4:31-32)
 - 4. Efforts to “get even” (1 Pet. 3:9)

II. Life Is Too Short for Aimlessness.

- A. Christians have been redeemed from “aimless conduct” (1 Pet. 1:18 - nkj)
- B. Many have not higher purpose than “let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die” (1 Cor. 15:32)
 - 1. Live only for the moment.
 - 2. Have no worthwhile goals for this life and certainly not for life to come.

III. Life is Too Short for Mediocrity.

- A. “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might” (Eccl. 9:9-10)
 - 1. Life is too short to settle for mediocre service.
 - 2. “Any job worth doing is worth doing right”
- B. Can one really settle for being a mediocre Christian?
 - 1. Our love for God must be wholehearted (Matt. 22:37)
 - 2. Our service to God must be with diligence (Rom. 12:11)
 - 3. Our attitude cannot be “what is enough to get me by?” (2 Pet. 1:8; 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Cor. 9:6)

IV. Life is Too Short for Short-sightedness.

- A. Life is too short to have no goal beyond this life (Luke 12:20)
- B. A failure to grow spiritually is to be short sighted (2 Pet. 1:9)
- C. Life is too short to think only “here and now” and “me and mine.”

V. Life is Too Short for Procrastination.

- A. Tomorrow is too uncertain for procrastination (Jas. 4:13-14).
 - 1. Need to understand what is put off may not get done.
 - 2. Only put off things of little consequences if not done.
- B. Some things are too important to put off and risk their not being done.
 - 1. Obedience to the gospel (cf. Acts 8:36-38; 16:33)
 - 2. Reconciliation to a brother (Matt. 5:24)

Conclusion:

- A. Yes, life is too short waste it on useless and destructive matters.
- B. It is too short to put off really important matters toward God and other people.