

30 days to live

“DETERMINING WHAT MATTERS MOST”

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What if you knew you only had 30 days to live?

“How do you know what will happen tomorrow? For your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone.” James 4:14

“Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom.” Psalm 90:12

“... we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and wasting time meddling in other people’s business. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we appeal to such people—no, we command them: Settle down and get to work. Earn your own living. And I say to the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters never get tired of doing good.” 2 Thessalonians 3:11-13

GOING DEEPER

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BIG [picture]:

Determine to live with PASSION

“But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.” Numbers 14:24

- Am I living my life with passion?

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” Romans 12:11 NIV

“...serve the Lord enthusiastically.” Romans 12:11b NLT

ME [practical]:

- What would I do if I had one month to live?
 - Take time this week to write out a long list
- How can I specifically pursue these values with my current lifestyle?
- What might need to change so I can achieve these consistently?

GOD [power]:

“I pray that you will begin to understand the incredible greatness of His power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.” Ephesians 1:19-20

“For to me, living is for Christ, and dying is even better.” Philippians 1:21

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Additional Scriptures to study: Psalms 39:5; 73:26; Matthew 6:19-20; Acts 20:24; Ephesians 5:15-17; James 4:13-16; 2 Peter 1:3-4; 1 John 2:17

TIME WITH GOD

MEMORY VERSE: Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15–16 NIV

Monday

Look back over the verses and points from the message this week. What point from the weekend message hit home for you? Why?

If you knew your life would end in a few weeks, what would be your biggest regret? Why?

In what area of your life are you suffering from the “Someday” syndrome (as in, you put it off until “someday”)?

This week, tell at least one other person that you’re doing a study about what you’d do if you had “30 DAYS TO LIVE”. See if an interesting discussion results...

Ask God to turn the next few weeks of study into a life-changing study for you.

Tuesday

Read Luke 12:13–21. What do you think is the point of the parable? How does it relate to our current series?

Today start that list Chuck spoke about: What would you do if you had 30 DAYS TO LIVE — how would you change? Where would you go? What would you do?

Ask God to give you real insight as you write out your “30 DAYS TO LIVE” list.

Wednesday

Read Romans 12:1–21. How would you summarize the big idea of this chapter?

Today go over that list you wrote yesterday. Circle only the items you would like to do in your life this year, on a regular basis if possible.

Now get specific about at least five of those items you circled: How will you specifically reach these goals? Jot down some ideas.

Today write a letter to God, being as honest as you can about how you would like your life to change so that you “live like you’re dying...” Ask Him for His divine power!

Thursday

Jesus was a man of passion, beginning in his youth (See Luke 2:49) and continuing into adulthood (See Luke 13:34; Luke 22:44; John 13:1). How are we to reflect His passion as His followers?

Now go back and look at the list that you’ve been working on this week, and see if it brings to mind at least one passion, one dream, that you believed God planted in your heart that you would like to achieve before you die.

Ask God to reveal to you one thing you can do today to further your pursuit of His dream in your life.

Friday

Read Colossians 2:6–7. This past weekend Chuck talked about “fueling your passion”.

What are the current barriers to spiritual health and vitality in your life? How can you help to change this today?

What are some simple steps you can take today, by God’s grace, to improve your spiritual health and fuel your passion? (You may want to review the practical suggestions in Ephesians 5:15–20)

Ask God to help your passion for Him to burn brighter!

Saturday

Read Matthew 22:34–40. Jesus answers the dry, technical question about which commands are the most important with a reply about passionate and practical love for God and others. Why is love the most important command?

Although we know this, why do we seem to forget this — almost daily? *Ask God to increase your passion for Him (and others) again! Please pray for God to bless the weekend services. Thanks!*