

LIFE AFTER LIFE: 5 Day Devotional

Day 1: Preparing for Eternity Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 Devotional: Just as the babies in the womb parable pondered life after delivery, we too should contemplate our eternal destiny. Paul urges us to set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. This doesn't mean we ignore our present life, but rather that we view it through the lens of eternity. How might your priorities shift if you truly lived as though your life was hidden with Christ in God? Today, consider one way you can invest in your eternal future while still fulfilling your earthly responsibilities.

Day 2: The Danger of Earthly Focus Reading: Luke 12:13-21 Devotional: The rich fool in Jesus' parable represents those who are earthbound, focused solely on material wealth and comfort. He never mentions God, showing a life devoid of spiritual awareness. In contrast, Jesus calls us to be "rich toward God." Reflect on your own life – where do your treasures truly lie? Are you storing up earthly wealth or heavenly riches? Choose one area where you can become more "rich toward God" today, whether through generosity, service, or deepening your relationship with Him.

Day 3: Longing for a Heavenly Country Reading: Hebrews 11:13-16 Devotional: The heroes of faith described in Hebrews lived as "strangers and exiles on the earth," always looking forward to their heavenly home. This perspective shaped their entire lives, enabling them to persevere through trials and resist worldly temptations. How can you cultivate this "heavenly homesickness" in your own life? Consider writing a letter to yourself from the perspective of your future, perfected self in heaven. What advice would that version of you give to your present self?

Day 4: The Kingdom is Near Reading: Matthew 4:17, Romans 14:17 Devotional: Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven was near – not just a future reality, but a present one that we can experience now through Him. Paul describes this kingdom as "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." How can you invite more of God's kingdom into your daily life? Look for opportunities today to practice righteousness, spread peace, and cultivate joy as a foretaste of the fullness to come.

Day 5: From Death to Life Reading: John 5:24-29 Devotional: For believers, physical death is not an end, but a transition – a delivery into eternal life with Christ. Jesus assures us that those who hear His word and believe have already passed from death to life. This truth can transform how we view both life and death. Reflect on the lives of faithful believers who have gone before us, like Sue Kirsch mentioned in the sermon. How did their faith impact their approach to life and death? Ask God to deepen your trust in His promise of eternal life and to help you live today in light of that assurance.