

Choose to Live with Eternity in Mind – Pastor Sal 5/17/26

Psalm 39 • Psalm 90 • Ephesians 5

“A life that is not lived with eternity in mind is shortsighted.”

David prayed: “O LORD, make me know my end...” — Psalm 39:4

Life is brief. Eternity is forever. The question is not simply how long we live — but how we live.

Three Steps to Living with Eternity in Mind

1. Analyze How Much Time You Might Have Left

Psalm 39:4–5 • Psalm 90:10–12

Life moves quickly.

- “Our days are a few handbreadths.”
- “Teach us to number our days.”

The reality:

- Nobody is promised tomorrow.
- Time is limited.
- Eternity is long.

Key Thought:

The greatest mistake is dying without Christ.

The second greatest mistake is living without eternity in view.

Challenge: Ask yourself

- Am I spending my life on what actually matters?
- What would change if I truly remembered my days are numbered?

2. Be Wise in the Way You Spend Your Life

Ephesians 5:15–16 “Look carefully then how you walk...”

Paul reminds us:

- Time is valuable.
- The days are evil.
- Wise people make the best use of their time.

The “jar of rocks” principle- If you don’t put the big rocks in first, you’ll never fit them in later.

Big Rocks:

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| • God | • Holiness | • Mission |
| • Family | • Church | • Eternal things |

Do not let the *urgent* replace the *important*.

“Only one life, ’twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last.”

3. Center Your Life on God's Will

Ephesians 5:17 "Do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

We are called to:

Be Godly

- Pursue holiness
- Reject fleshly desires
- Live honorably before others

Be Generous

- Use your resources to bless others
- Help the weak
- Give faithfully

Be Grateful

- Worship continually
- Speak of God's goodness
- Give thanks in all things

Gather

- Care for people
- Welcome others
- Engage in the mission of Christ

The Christian life is not passive. We are called to intentionally live for eternal impact.

Final Challenge

Romans 13:11–12 reminds us:

"The hour has come for you to wake from sleep..."

This week:

- Reevaluate your priorities
- Put the "big rocks" first
- Spend your time intentionally
- Live for what matters eternally

"The choices of time are binding in eternity."

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