

“FOCUS: re-Focusing Our Affections”

Psalm 39:4 “Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is. **5** You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath.”

Psalm 90:12 Teach us to number each of our days so that we may grow in wisdom.

Ephesians 5:15-16 So then, be very careful how you live. Don’t live like foolish people but like wise people. **16** Make the most of your opportunities because these are evil days.

Math Lesson:

**“Wise INVESTORS not spenders, of our lives/time”
(Investors EXPECT a RETURN)**

Ephesians 5:15-16 So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. **16** Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

$$365 \times \text{Your age in years} = \text{Your age in days}$$

$$27,375 - \text{Your age in days} = \text{Approx. how many days you have left}$$

Average lifespan: 75yrs

Answers:

20yrs old: 7,300 days you have lived. You have 20,075 days/55yrs left
25yrs old: 9,125 days you have lived. You have 18,250 days/50yrs left
30yrs old: 10,950 days you have lived. You have 16,425 days/45yrs left
40yrs old: 14,600 days you have lived. You have 12,775 days/35yrs left
50yrs old: 18,250 days you have lived. You have 9,125 days/25yrs left

Matthew 22:37 Jesus answered him, ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

Revelation 2:1-7 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: **2** ***‘I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; 3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary. 4** But I have this against you, that you have “LEFT” your first love. 5 Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place— unless you repent. 6 Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.’*

1. They were commended:

- a. Worked hard & persevered
- b. No patience with evil doers
- c. Discerning: tested false apostles
- d. Stood and not gotten weary

2. It’s not that they stopped loving Jesus altogether...It’s just that He was no longer their FIRST LOVE... (First in chronology & priority)

3. “LEFT” their first love – to abandon, to neglect, to be lured away, to divorce... It wasn’t casual or a slip....it was the overall STATE of their hearts.

The **DANGER**: They worked for God, but grew tired of loving God (Intimacy)

I NEVER KNEW YOU...

Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22** Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ **23** And then I will declare to them, **‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**

4. “STIR IT UP” when you lost that loving feeling. (don’t just go through the motions)

1st – **REMEMBER** (Rev 2:5 from where you have fallen)

2nd – **REPENT** (Rev 2:5 means a change in thinking, which is connected to behavior)

3rd – **REFORM** (Rev 2:5 ..do the works you did at first)

Ps 51:12-13 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit. **13** *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

Isaiah 6:5-7 So I said: “Woe *is* me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. **7** And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.”