

Younique Future

*A wise person thinks a lot about death, while a fool thinks only about having a good time.
(Ecclesiastes 7:4, NLT)*

How you write your story in this life determines your story in the next one...

- *Where you spend eternity*

What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matt. 16:26)

- *How you're rewarded in eternity*

If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. (1 Cor. 3:12-14)

Therefore, in light of our eternal destiny we can...

- 1) **Endure trials courageously** – “In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade...In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.” (**I Peter 1:3-4a, 6**)
- 2) **Serve others unselfishly** – “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.” (**Phil. 1:21-24**)
- 3) **Embrace today fully** – “LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away. My life is no longer than the width of my hand. An entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath.” (**Psalm 39:4-5, NLT**)
- 4) **Invest resources wisely** – “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (**Matt. 6:19-21**)
- 5) **Pursue Jesus passionately** – “Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” (**John 17:3**)

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 2:6-7)