

Life lessons about..... Life

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1. We need to see life as it really is

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There is something wrong with assuming we are ultimately in control.

Luke 12: ¹⁶ Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷ He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹ And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’

--Life is.....

Frail and unpredictable

Short

Psa 90: ¹⁰ Seventy years are given to us!
Some even live to eighty.
But even the best years are filled with pain and trouble;
soon they disappear, and we fly away.

Will cease

[Hebrews 9:27](#) And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,

[Psalm 146:4](#) - When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

2. We need to seek God's plan/will in all our plans

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--How?

From Greg Brown

- "We discern God's will by studying and obeying his Word.
[Ps 119:105](#) Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.
- We discern God's will by prayer.
[James 1:5](#) If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.
- We discern God's will by what God is doing in our hearts.
[Philippians 2:12-13](#) ¹² Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.
- We discern God's will by getting godly counsel.

[Proverbs 11:14](#) Without wise leadership, a nation falls;

there is safety in having many advisers.

- We discern God's will by God's sovereign control over events.

[Romans 8:28](#) And we know that God causes everything to work together^[a] for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

--Why?

It is sin....

16b "all such boasting is evil."

¹⁷ Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

[John 13:17](#) ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

Close:

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