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“We Christians are always in the presence of God. There is never a non-sacred moment! His presence never diminishes. Our awareness of His presence may falter, but the reality of His presence never changes. This perspective invites Christians to experience unbroken communion and rely on a timeless Jesus for their immediate, day-to-day needs.”

- Max Lucado

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Jeremiah 6:16

I. The profit of living in a present tense relationship with God’s Word. (V. 1-4)

A. Living the Bible in real time profits us in the quantity of life.

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: (V. 2) For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Proverbs 3:1-2

I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. Psalms 119:93

B. Living the Bible in real time profits us in the quality of life.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: (V. 4) So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3:3-4

“Mercy and truth forsake you when you decide to live in lies and wrath.”

“It is the law of the Lord that if you give mercy, you will receive mercy. If you live in the truth, He will bless you in the truth.”

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Matthew 6:15

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Matthew 5:7

“I don’t want quantity without quality and I so enjoy quality in great quantity of life.”

II. The profit of learning the present tense reliability of God. (V. 5-6)

A. You learn to trust Him to be dependable in real-time.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: Job 13:15

“Lean does not mean to put one’s whole weight on something but to rely with one’s own intellect. No one can predict the outcome of his or her deeds. That is why wholehearted trust in the Lord is absolutely essential.”
- David Jeremiah

B. You learn to trust Him for direction in real-time.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6

“Direct is a very interesting Hebrew word, yashar. It speaks of cutting a straight path. Literally it means to let God clear the way.”
- Adrian Rogers

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Psalms 32:8

III. The profit of living in a present tense reality with God. (V. 7-10)

A. Living for God in real-time gives you personal discernment.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. (V. 8) It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Proverbs 3:7-8

... It will be healing to your body, And refreshment to your bones. Proverbs 3:8

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him. Proverbs 26:12

B. Living for God in real-time gives you profitable dividends.

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: (V. 10) So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

“God’s gift of His Son tells you about His giving: He is generous—willing and eager to give you everything He has. He makes everything you need available to you. He is a lavish giver. All the provisions of Heaven have been made accessible for the circumstances of Earth.”
- Jennifer Kennedy Dean

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38