

LEARNING TO COUNT





“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the **full.**”

John 10:10 NIV

“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a **rich** and **satisfying** life.”

John 10:10 NLT

“...I came so they can have real and eternal life, **more and better** life than they ever **dreamed of.**”

John 10:10 MSG

Expiration Date

We all have an expiration date.

Thinking about Death:

It makes us healthier.

It makes us happier.

It makes us nicer.

*“Life recovers its vividness and urgency against
the backdrop of death....*

*Death is the constant companion of human
beings, whether it is recognized or denied.
Death is not the opposite of life but a conscious
parallel; one could not exist without the other.”*

- Rollo May

Memento Mori

Memento Mori

*In remembering death,
don't forget to live.*

*“...it might be cited as ...the most sublime of human compositions – the deepest in feeling – the loftiest in theological conception – the most magnificent in its imagery.
True is it in its report of human life...”*

- Isaac Taylor

“Lord, you have been our dwelling
place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or
you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you
are God.

Psalm 90:1-2 NIV

You turn people back to dust,
saying, “Return to dust, you
mortals.”

Psalm 90:3 NIV

A **thousand** years in your sight are
like a **day** that has just gone by, or
like a **watch** in the night.

Psalm 90:4 NIV

Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up **new**, but by evening it is **dry and withered**.

Psalm 90:5-6 NIV

Our **days** may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they **quickly pass**, and we fly away.

Psalm 90:10 NIV

Teach us to **number our days**, that
we may gain a heart of **wisdom.**”

Psalm 90:12 NIV

If you want your days to count...
then count your days.

What if today was your last day?

“Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we **are** going to a certain town and **will** stay there a year. We **will** do business there and **make** a profit.”

James 4:13 NLT

How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.

James 4:14 NLT

What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.”

James 4:15 NLT

Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil.

James 4:16 NLT

If anyone, then, knows the **good** they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is **sin** for them.”

James 4:17 NIV

“Just for today . . . I will choose and display the right attitudes. Just for today . . . I will determine and act on important priorities. Just for today . . . I will know and follow healthy guidelines. Just for today . . . I will communicate with and care for my family. Just for today . . . I will practice and develop good thinking.”

Just for today . . . I will make and keep proper commitments. Just for today . . . I will earn and properly manage finances. Just for today . . . I will deepen and live out my faith. Just for today . . . I will initiate and invest in solid relationships. Just for today . . . I will plan for and model generosity.

Just for today . . . I will embrace and practice good values. Just for today . . . I will seek and experience improvements. Just for today . . . I will act on these decisions and practice these disciplines, and then one day . . . I will see the compounding results of a day lived well.”

- John Maxwell

Yesterday is past.

Tomorrow isn't promised.

Today is all we have.

What are we going to do about it?

“Teach us to **number our days**,
that we may gain a heart of
wisdom.”

Psalm 90:12 NIV

Life is short.
Death is sure.
So, make it count!