

Maturing Faith & God's Sovereignty

Part 2 in Series-The Sovereignty of God

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One of the types of evidence of true, maturing, saving faith is the recognition of the sovereign right of God over our lives.

1. A PRESUMPTION WE ALL MAKE

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Be careful planning your life without reference to God.

Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should/we may get a heart of wisdom/might live wisely. Psalm 90:12

2. PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD TAKE

Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." James 4.15

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

3. A PRESCRIPTION TO FOLLOW

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