

Five Facts of Life - cont.

You can choose to do good and to avoid evil (1 Peter 3:10). Your life is also in God's hands to control (Proverbs 21:1). Your life is a gift from God (Acts 17:25-28) and it can be altered through prayer to God and his providential response to your prayer.

5. Life Is Accountable to God

No matter who you are, your life is preparatory to meeting God one day in judgment. Your life's deeds will be judged by God. Paul wrote the following in 2 Corinthians 5:10:

"For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

All your thoughts, words, and deeds will one day be held into account with God (Mt. 12:36; Rom. 14:10,12; 1 Pet. 4:5; Rev. 20:12).

Knowing these five facts of life, we must be ready and prepared to meet our Maker. Let us all follow the wise counsel of Solomon who said that the whole of man is to "fear God and keep his commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- There can be no joy of salvation until there is first sorrow for sin.
- After you escape the evil, don't forget to pursue the good.
- What you do in life is a result of who you are in life.
- The person who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.
- To have friends, you must first be friendly.
- Some things in life are legal, but not lawful.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Life is different for all people. People are different in education, wealth, social standing, health, etc. But, even with all the differences, people experience the same five facts of life. Let's see what those five facts are.

1. Life Goes By Quickly

No matter who you are, life passes swiftly like a vapor. James wrote the following in James 4:13-16:

“Come now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or that. But now ye glory in your vauntings: all such glorying is evil.”

Because life is transitory (Job 7:6; 9:25-26; Psalm 39:4; 90:10-12; 103:15), we must all make good use our time and not waste it (Acts 24:25; Ephesians 5:16; James 4:17).

2. Life Will Have Its Troubles

No matter who you are, life is full of troubles. Job said the following in

Job 14:1-2:

“Man, that is born of a woman, is of few days, and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower, and is cut down: he flees also as a shadow, and continues not.”

Because life will have troubles and trials (Genesis 47:9; Romans 5:12; 8:22), you should use your troubles and trials to make us stronger (Romans 5:3-4; Hebrews 12:5-11; James 1:2-4,12). You should also remember that heaven is without troubles and live right now in order to go there (Revelation 21-22).

3. Life Is Final

No matter who you are, you will live once and die once. The author of the book of Hebrews wrote the following in Hebrews 9:27:

“And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this comes judgment.”

We all get just one life (2 Kings 20:1; Ecclesiastes 12:7). There are no do-overs; no second chances (Luke 16:19-31). We are just passing through on our way to another place; either heaven, or hell (1 Peter 2:11).

There are some things we need to re-

member as we pass through this one-time life of ours. We need to remain detached from the world in such a way that we do not live wicked lives (1 Timothy 6:7; 2 Peter 3:10; 1 John 2:15-17). We need to aim high and strive toward the goal of heaven (Philippians 3:14; Colossians 3:1-2). We need to be good at what we do and give our best to God (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

What else do we need to do? We need to focus on what is first which is serving God (Psalm 27:4; Luke 10:42). We need to pay attention to details (Matthew 5:19; 25:21). We need to keep going to the end and be faithful all the way until our death (2 Tim. 4:7).

4. Life Is About What You and God Make of It

No matter who you are, your life is not fixed and unchanging. Your life is not just a fixed fate like a pre-designed computer program. Your life is about your choices. Moses recorded the following in Deuteronomy 30:19:

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou may live, thou and thy seed.” - continued