

Before He Died - cont.

these righteous individuals?

- Just before Abel died he was engaged in righteous worship (Genesis 4).
- Just before Uriah died he was engaged in righteous service to his king (2 Samuel 11).
- Just before Jesus died he was engaged in righteous salvation (Luke 23).
- Just before Stephen died he was engaged in righteous preaching (Acts 7).

Just Before He Died

We all need to remember two basic principles of life and we need to remember them before it is too late. First, life has a limit. We all will die one day if Jesus does not come in the meantime (Genesis 5; Psalm 90; Hebrews 9:27). Second, life is like a vapor. We all have a life that is relatively short and uncertain (James 4:14).

So, what will you be doing just before you die?

- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- If you want to walk up-rightly before men, walk humbly before God.
- It's one thing to make a good living, and quite another to make a good life.
- True gentleness is strong and true strength is gentle.
- When you are young you learn many things and when you are old you understand many things.

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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 -

Just Before He Died

Friend, what will you be doing just before you die? Have you ever thought about what you will be doing just before you die? Will you be sitting in a chair or laying in a bed? Will you be driving a car or watching TV? Will you be at work or at home? What will you be doing?

Let me tell you what my grandfather was doing just before he died. He had gone out to the garage to get the car and pull it up to the house to go to the church service on a Sunday morning. He got in the car and immediately had a heart attack while sitting in the car. He never pulled the car up to the house. Just before my grandfather died, he was getting ready to go and worship the Lord. Now that's a good way to leave this life!

Let's now take a look in the Bible and consider some people and what they were doing just before they died. These examples remind us to consider seriously our life and its relationship to the Lord before we die.

Old Testament Examples

- The people of Noah's generation were doing something just before

they died (Genesis 6-7). Jesus tells us that they were engaged in unprepared living (Luke 17:27).

- Nadab and Abihu were doing something just before they died (Leviticus 10). They were engaged in unauthorized worship.
- Agag was doing something just before he died (1 Samuel 15). He assumed he was innocent and that he was going to escape his own judgment.
- Uzzah was doing something just before he died (2 Samuel 6). He was touching the ark of the covenant that he was not authorized to do.
- Ahithophel was doing something just before he died (2 Samuel 17). He was assuming that he had failed and that he had no reason to live anymore.
- A prophet of God was doing something just before he died (1 Kings 13). He was being deceived by another prophet and he was disobeying the Lord.
- Elah and Zimri were doing something just before they died (1 Kings 16). They were engaged in rival conspiracy.

- Jezebel was doing something just before she died (2 Kings 9). She was engaged in defiant obstinacy.
- Belshazzar was doing something just before he died (Daniel 5). He, and other Babylonians, were engaged in unprepared partying.

New Testament Examples

- The rich fool was doing something just before he died. He was engaged in covetous marry-making (Luke 12).
- Judas was doing something just before he died. He was engaged in regretful despair (Matthew 27).
- Ananias and Sapphira were doing something just before they died. They were engaged in attention-getting lying (Acts 5).
- Herod was doing something just before he died. He was engaged in proud persecution (Acts 12).

Will You Die Righteous?

The way to die is to be righteous before our God. Will you be like