



The Caller

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Youth Holiday Party



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You may be thinking... "Is it even possible?" For most of us, unless we are fairly young, the years seem to fly by! We are preparing for the holiday season of 2017 and before you know it, it will be the holiday season of 2018! I find it so difficult to grasp. Time is fleeting yet so much seems to happen in a year's time.

Yet, though time is passing and with it our opportunities in life to do those things we seek to accomplish, time is a concept of this world only! James noted almost 2000 years ago, that our life is but a vapor. The book of Ecclesiastes reveals that in our lives under the sun, there is time. We have watches, phones, and calendars which all help us keep track of different elements of time. With all this thought about time, do we really ever give thought to eternity?

I guess that is a question for us all. Perhaps depending upon our stage in life, we give more consideration to eternity. When I was younger, I never had anyone extremely close die. As I grow older in life, this changes. Both, those whom it seems natural to pass before me (a parent, an aunt or uncle) as well as those whom it seems unnatural for them to pass before me (young people), are dying. Even many of my contemporaries are dying. If I am honest, the thought of my own departure from this life has crossed my mind from time to time. Time passes, and with it, so do our days here upon the earth.

So, again, are we really giving consideration to eternity? I guess for many of us there is definitely a sense in which we look forward to passing from this life. It is not this life is so miserable (if we are honest, most of us in the United States especially have it pretty good), it is rather that we have a close relationship with God and long to be with Him. There is also a sense in which we long to depart to be reunited with loved ones who have passed into eternity. Yet, even the best of lives have struggles that come with living here on this earth impacted by sin. We even long to be away from the everyday cares and concerns of life.

How important is it that we pause often, as time passes quickly, to be thankful to God for the salvation and thus hope we have if we are in Christ Jesus! Also how important is it for us to pause and reflect on how we are using our lives in service to God. I am confident, as I read statements from Paul and as I have seen others who serve God with their lives, that those who understand service, always try to think of ways they could improve their service to God and others...not thinking that such is needed for God to be pleased with them, but that such is what they desire to do in honor of God and all the blessings He has provided. When we have done all, we know it is what we as slaves are required to do...but more so it is what we long to do! I pray I will draw closer to God each day He gives me, and one day, I will have no concern for time whatsoever!

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Sunday's Sermons:

***A.M. — He Spoke with Authority
Mark 1:21-22***

***P.M. — Looking to the New Year
Philippians 3:12-14***