If I Only Had 1 Year To Live

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INTRODUCTION

- So what if your life, the year 2013, consisted of 365 pages, each day a blank page. What do you want written in the book of your life?
- If you knew that you had just one year to live, what would that change? If anything.

1 Leave Nothing Undone That Needs Doing

John 17:4–5; 2 Timothy 4:7–8; 2 Thessalonians 1:10

- Number one, I would believe that you would attempt to leave nothing undone. That needs doing.
- It's wonderful that Jesus could say about his earthly work and mission, I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do. Can we say that about ourselves?
- Paul said, I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. I fought a good fight, he says in 2 Timothy chapter 4.
- We love his appearing. We can't wait to be glorified with him and with his saints on that day.
- Are we waiting for some better time, some better occasion to deal with that nagging problem of sin? To deal with what we know has been spiritual neglect.

2 More Engaged in Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17; Psalm 39:4–6

- If you knew that you had only one year to live, wouldn't you think that you would be more engaged in prayer?
- That your day would begin with prayer, that it would end with prayer, and that you would punctuate your day throughout with prayer.
- The problem is the world. And our affection for it.
- Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
- Lord, make me to know my end. And what is the extent of my days. Let me know how transient or short-lived I am.

3 Spend Sufficient Time Digesting the Will of God

Psalm 1:1–3; Psalm 119:9–16; Colossians 3:16

- If I only had one year to live, I would probably be more engaged in prayer and spend more time, spend sufficient time digesting the will of God.
- The blessed man is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, but he meditates in the law of the Lord and he meditates in it day and night.

- We need to think about the word of God and the impact it's supposed to be having in my life day by day in the way that I think. The way that I treat others.
- How can a young man keep his way pure by keeping it according to thy word?
- Do you think we would do better at remembering if we realized we had only one year to live?

4 Tell Others the Saving Information

Psalm 119:13; Mark 3:35

- With my lips I have told of all the ordinances of thy mouth.
- Do you think maybe we would overcome the fear that has kept us from spreading the news to someone who is close to us, someone that we know?
- I think if you knew death was imminent, you would want to say something to every member of your family.
- I think the problem of being ashamed wouldn't be the problem that it sometimes is to us. We wouldn't be concerned about what others thought about us.

5 Allow My Destination to Control My Disposition

John 17:5

- If I had only one year to live, I would allow my destination to control my disposition.
- But if our treasures are laid up in heaven, that's going to positively affect the way I respond to circumstances.
- But you know what you can control in every circumstance is the way you think. The way you react. Your attitude.
- The only person that can set their affections on things above is you.
- We would do a lot better thinking about that in those times of crisis if we knew that our time here was very temporary.

THE CHALLENGE

So why do you wait? Or if there's something in your life that you've been putting on hold, you know it needs fixing. How much longer are you going to wait?

MY NOTES