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What is God's View of Life?

I. Life is a test

“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”

James 1:12

What is God's View of Life?

I. Life is a trust

“What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?”

I Corinthians 4:7b (NLT)

What is God's View of Life?

I. Life is a temporary

“Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is.”

Psalm 39:4 (NLT)

What is God's View of Life?

I. Life is a temporary

“I am here on earth for just a little while.”

Psalm 119:19 (TEV)

“Lord, help me to realize how brief my time on earth will be. Help me to know that I am here for but a moment more.”

Psalm 39:4 (TLB)

“You’re cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way.”

James 4:4 (MSG)

“Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away.”

1 Corinthians 7:31 (NLT)

Happiness is a
by-product of a
relationship with
Jesus Christ

“The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 (MSG)

“All that is not eternal
is eternally useless.”

C.S. Lewis

THE FATAL MISTAKE

Assuming God's goal
for your life is
material or popular
success as the world
defines it.

25,550
DAYS

How then are we
to live our lives
on our way to
Heaven?

4 Biblical Priorities

Matthew 22:36-39

John 17:18-23

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“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

4 Biblical Priorities

Priority #1

A personal, progressive
commitment to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22:36-38

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Priority #1

A. See why you need it

B. Make sure you've got it

C. Maintain it

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Priority #1

D. Private time with the Bible

E. Private time talking with God (prayer)

F. Public time to worship (Hebrews 10:25)

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Priority #2

A personal, progressive
commitment to yourself.

Matthew 22:39

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Priority #2

Develop:

A. Mentally

B. Physically

C. Socially

D. Emotionally

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Priority #3

A personal, progressive
commitment to relationships.

John 17:18-23

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Priority #3

A. Your Marriage

B. Your Kids

C. Other followers of Christ

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Priority #4

A personal, progressive
commitment to the work of
Christ in the world.

Matthew 22:39

John 17:18-23

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Priority #4

A. Reaching the lost

B. Caring for the needy

The objectives of your life
will determine the
outcome of your life.

If you aim at nothing,
you will hit it everytime.

Goal Setting

87% of people do not have goals

10% of people have goals, but
do not write them down

3% of people have written goals

The 3% of people who have
written goals
accomplish 50-100 times
more than others.

Priority 1: A Personal Commitment to Jesus Christ

- Private Worship
 - Bible Time
 - Prayer Time
 - Reading (Books)
- Public Worship

Priority 2: A Personal Progressive Commitment to loving yourself

- Physically
- Mentally
- Socially
- Emotionally

Priority 3: A Personal Progressive Commitment to other Christians

- Family
 - Wife
 - Kids
 - Grandkids
- Band of Brothers
- Other Christians

Priority 4: A Personal Progressive Commitment to the work of Christ in the world

- Your Work
 - Sharing the Gospel
 - Caring for the Needy
- (Focus is on Non-Believers)