

David's Bulletin Article

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Our deeds upon this Earth most assuredly will follow us, even into death, according to the beloved Apostle John in Revelation 14:13. I want you to ask yourself today, "What will I leave behind at my own death? What do I want people to remember about me?"

Since we can take nothing with us when we depart, why should we get so wrapped up with worldly "things"? Jesus said in Matthew 16:24-26, *"If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"*

In the hour of death, those of us who are married will also leave our spouse behind. Please do not wait until your spouse is sick or dying to express your love. For those of you who are husbands, your wife would appreciate flowers now more than at her death. For those of you who are wives, your husband will appreciate a few words of kindness now far more than rivers of tears shed by his tombstone. Let us not wait until it is too late to express our love for our spouse, for none of us are guaranteed another moment.

We will also leave our children behind. As God tells us in His holy word in Psalm 127:3, ". . . *children are a heritage from the Lord. . . .*" The most valuable things you can give your children are your time and a love and desire for the Lord. We find the prayer of Moses in Psalm 90 in which he bids all of us to ". . . **number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**" We need to begin that numbering when our children are young, for it will be too late when they leave home for good. Like Joshua of old, I know not what course others might take, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Joshua 24:14-15).

All of your friends will also be left behind. Romans 14:7-8 tells us that none of us live to ourselves, and no one dies to himself. Our actions have a great deal of bearing upon other people, and our influence is much greater than we believe it is. If you find that you are not living your life in service to the Lord, then you should begin to do so now, for life is fleeting. As James, the brother of the Lord, said in James 4:13-14, *"Come now, you that say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain': whereas you do not know what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away."* Please, for your own sake, do not wait until it is too late for you to choose to serve the Lord.

May the Lord bless you!