



TIMELINE

Living Out Your Life in the
Age of Acceleration

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Introduction

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Daniel 12:4: “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

What a time you and I were born to live in such a time as this. With the advent of the computer, internet, smart phone, smart televisions all things are expediently speeding up. What will the next five years hold? Will knowledge double? Travel back to the Industrial Revolution where machinery was invented, and now people are traveling back and forth everywhere throughout the earth. Now, leisure is at an all-time high. Society is filling their lives with cruises, gambling, eating out, Facebook, texting, movie watching and on and on. Matthew says in 24:37-39, As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day

Noah entered the ark. ³⁹ And they were oblivious, until the flood came and swept them all away. So will it be at the coming of the Son of Man.... As the age of acceleration continues to speed up there is as Zephaniah 1:14 says, "The great day of the Lord is near; it is near and hastens quickly..." Matthew says in 24:22, "except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

With these spiritual truths in mind I will ask you these questions? The importance of time, we all have the same amount of it when it comes to twenty-four hours in a day, days turn into weeks and weeks into years. Does our time parallel an eternal realm with a dual benefit; will you make your time count, where do you fit in your timeline? These are all questions for us to explore with you in mind as I write this book. My goal is to equip and challenge each of us to live out our own personal legacy. My prayer for you is when you get to the end of your life many of your days and years adding

up will not become a big void of empty futile passions, but to live life and create your destiny that was worth living and leave your life having an eternal impact.

Chapter One

Life is Like a Vapor

What does the Bible say about a person's life span? Can we make our life more than a fleeting series of moments that add up to nothing? Or can your life be a series of God moments that bring fulfillment in your life today and your eternal life hereafter? Probably the most known scripture that I have heard people quote throughout the years is James 4:13-17 (NKJV) ¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; ¹⁴ whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then

vanishes away. ¹⁵ Instead you *ought* to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.¹⁷ Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

Unless we gain the insight that life on planet earth is a gift of God and time is only for a short while, your own fallen human nature will blind you to the fact that you have only one life to live. Our default setting is to live, spend money buying stuff, eat and use up life with non-eternal thoughts and things. Can we take a somber moment to recognize that your time is short in the scope of eternity?

My brother told a story about his close friend asking him his age. At the time he was seventy years old. His friend pulled out a tape measure and pulled it out to seventy-eight inches. He held his hand at his age of seventy then told him a man’s life span averages about seventy-eight years old. He held his finger on the seventy inches revealing that he only had a segment of eight inches left on the tape.

This would be a good time to get your tape measure and ask yourself the hard question. Where are you now, where have you been and where are you headed? The insight of the analogy is a great reflection on a linear scale. How short and fast time marches on without really thinking how short life is for all of us that are living it.

Several years ago, I was a police officer in Branson, Missouri for a short time. In training I was riding with the corporal in the early morning hours on patrol. He knew I was a Christian and he confided in me about a dream he had been having repeatedly. It was haunting him with no answer. His dream was that he was traveling down a superhighway in a very nice motor home pulling a huge trailer with many nice personal belongings. Then he was traveling on a regular paved road in a smaller less fancier motor home with a smaller trailer with fewer belongings. Next, he was crossing a nice bridge then it turned from concrete to an old wooden bridge. He immediately went from the

motor home to traveling in an old western era horse and wagon. He had fewer possessions in the wagon. The bridge as he traveled had fewer and fewer boards and finally none as he drove off into a pitch-black abyss and his life was no more.

As we pulled into the police station, he finished sharing his dream and asked me what do you think this means? My mind flashed with the thought do I tell the truth. What do I say as I know the truth will upset him and at this moment, he is my boss? It was as time stood still but the scripture came to mind in Matthew 10:33 (KJV), "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." I swallowed really hard and thought this could cost me my job. "Well, I said, as you live your life you have had many nice things. Life is going your way and it seems like you have it all, but the truth is as you come to the end of life everything you think was life was vain things with no eternal substance. In the end it was all being taken away from you and dropped off into the

darkness without having God in your life and you are lost forever.”

I shared a simple Gospel message how Christ came, He loves us, and He died for our sin. He paid the price of going to hell for us because He lived without sin, that through asking Christ into his life, asking for forgiveness of his sin and shortcomings he can ask for eternal life and spend eternity with Christ in heaven. Now, your life counts for eternity as we live for God’s eternal purpose and destiny. There was silence between us as I shared God’s eternal plan. He told me that I did not really know him. God would never forgive him because his sins were so bad and wrong, God would not accept him. “Yes, He will, I replied, and sin is sin and none is unforgiveable.”

We went into the station and he never brought it up again. I thanked the Lord I still had my job and I was not denied before the Father. I questioned as to why he shared but my thought was he should have accepted and come to Christ. He did not but

several years later I found out through someone on the department they both became Christians. He not only became a Christian but also has become a lay preacher and goes into churches and sharing his testimony of how God changed his life.

Chapter 2

What's Your Legacy Timeline?

Legacy meaning- Cambridge Dictionary definition:

- A. Something that is a result of events lived in the past
- B. A legacy is also money or property left to a person by someone who has died.

Both definitions relate to your timeline on this earth. The results of your past are your actions lived out and money or personal possessions that have been bought through the investment of your time.

Mark 8:36-38 Young's Literal Translation (YLT),
³⁶ for what shall it profit a man, if he may gain the

whole world, and forfeit his life?³⁷ Or what shall a man give as an exchange for his life?³⁸ for whoever may be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man also shall be ashamed of him, when he may come in the glory of his Father, with the holy messengers.

Mark writes a stern warning about getting more, more, and more but in the end loses it all even his own soul. Did you notice that Mark says ashamed of Christ and His words in this adulterous and sinful generation? He is speaking of the life consumed upon self, lust, things of this lower life without recognizing the higher spiritual life as first place in your life.

Paul writes a warning that correlates the differences in the two kinds of people that have used their time to gather wealth. They are both found in 1 Timothy. 1 Timothy 6:6-12 But godliness with contentment is great gain.⁷ For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.⁸ And having food and raiment let us be therewith

content.⁹ But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.¹¹ But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. The other scripture is 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;¹⁸ That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;¹⁹ Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

The Apostle Paul contrast is quite clear. Do I live a life totally for me? Or do I trust in Christ and the plan and will of God and invest my life into eternal things that last for eternity? The choice is yours to make! Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-20 King James Version, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

So, may I ask what you are laying up treasures for in your life? Is it treasures on the earth or treasures in heaven?

It's easy to know by asking yourself these questions. Matthew 6:21 is the question to all of us as we are living our legacy. Jesus said in Matthew 6:21, "for where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Your life follows your heart. Have you ever heard people say? Follow the money trail and the motive or outcome will be evident where

the intention lies. I remember a friend once asked it's easy to find out. Look where your heart is by your check register or your bank balance online. It will reveal your heart.

So, we can ask ourselves today. Is your heart towards God or towards your earthly life in the abundance of possessions and things?

Below is a timeline of life:

Birth-School-Marriage-Children-Work-Homes-Cars-Eating-Drinking-Vacations-Hobbies-Grandchildren-Great Grandchildren-Death.

A life totally lived for self and a void that is attempted to be filled with relationships and things. They do not know a relationship with Jesus Christ and living their life for Him. This is evident as found in 2 Corinthians 4:4 Weymouth New Testament, In whom the god of this present age has blinded their unbelieving minds so as to shut out the sunshine of the Good News of the glory of the Christ, who is the image of God.

The lost need the believers who are living a spiritual legacy so that the Gospel can go forth to reach them.

Illustration of a timeline of a Christian not living a Christian parallel timeline:

Birth-School-Marriage-Children-New birth accepts Christ at some point-Work-Homes-Cars-Eating-Drinking-Vacations-Hobbies-Grandchildren-Great Grandchildren-Death.

This person has accepted Christ though they continue in the old ways and never move forward in their walk with God. They accept Christ and salvation for them is all they care to gain without going deeper into a meaning of a real Christian walk and life.

There is no difference in the life of a Christian or a non-Christian other than the Christian will make heaven but will not have eternal rewards for the timeline they lived because they allowed their fallen flesh to dominate. They chose to not walk in the

spirit and redeem their time lived that would parallel both the natural and the supernatural in tandem.

2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. This person comes to Christ and grows in the milk of the word. Peter says in 1 Peter 2:2, NLT: "Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment...." A person's full experience is to grow into your walk with God to leave a living legacy.

Illustration of the timeline of a Christian who has chosen to walk in the Spirit, renew their mind to the Word of God, do the works of the Gospel and lay up treasures in heaven.

These believers will interweave the natural and the supernatural allowing both worlds to intersect. These living experiences are: New Birth-Water Baptism—Being filled with the Holy Spirit-School-

Christ Centered Marriage-Raise Children in the
Ways of the Lord-Work Job as for the Lord-Sharing
their Faith-Leading others to Christ-Leading others
in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit-Water Baptizing
People-Laying Hands on the Sick-Giving and Going
on Mission Trips-Homes-Cars-Eating-Drinking-
Vacations-Hobbies-Grandchildren-Great
Grandchildren-Death.

This life will have a double meaning and reward
knowing the life they live and partake of has
significance bringing a personal and spiritual
satisfaction. Their life is lived from the spiritual
rather than the natural bringing about God's perfect
will and plan from the beginning of the foundation of
the world. It is summed up in 2 Corinthians 5:15-20,
¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live
no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for
them and rose again. ¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we
regard no one according to the flesh. Even though
we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet
now we know *Him thus* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if

anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Let this scripture speak to you as Christ has given you a purpose as an Ambassador one called by heaven to reconcile your world (your personal influence in life) to Christ. Amen and so be it!

My prayer for you today is to live your life with the double significance of living out your timeline allowing your life to parallel God's plan for your life with an eternal reality and destiny in mind.

Chapter 3

Redeeming the Time

Ephesians 5:16-20 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Below are scriptures that empower believers to live and walk in both realms by having knowledge and understanding the will of the Lord.

The Strong's Concordance Greek definition of redeemed is to buy up, ransom, to rescue from loss.

Galatians 4:4-7 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to son ship.⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "*Abba*, Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's

child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Paul is talking about those under the law in the Old Testament but today we are set free from the law because Christ came to redeem us. He came to set us free from sin and death. We are adopted into the family of God when we receive Jesus as our Savior.

Romans 12:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)
¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 New King James Version
¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is

laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

A natural and eternal timeline parallel each other. What are we doing in this natural world to lay up treasure in heaven? Live your Christian life with purpose for God. Renew your mind to the Word of God and walk in the Spirit. Be kind, help others, walk in forgiveness toward one another and live by what God's word says.

Matthew 4:4 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

2 Timothy 3:14-17 The Message (MSG)

¹⁴⁻¹⁷ But don't let it faze you. Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers—why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

The scriptures above will impart truth to you. Buy back your time. Capture it by living in the Spirit seizing the moment for eternity as you are the embodiment of truth in Christ walking as He walked. Jesus said in John 20:21, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

I challenge you today in Christ be the vessel that takes back what the devil has stolen and be a part of the great generation of believers in the age of

grace to push back the kingdom of darkness by being the Believer He has called you to be in this end time generation.

Chapter 4

Occupy Until I Come

Luke 19:10-26 ¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.¹¹ And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. ¹² He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. ¹³ And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

¹⁴ But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, we will not have this man to reign over us. ¹⁵ And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he

commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. ¹⁶ Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. ¹⁷ And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. ¹⁹ And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. ²⁰ And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: ²¹ For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. ²² And he saith unto him, out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: ²³ Wherefore then gave not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? ²⁴ And he said unto them that stood by, take from him the pound,

and give it to him that hath ten pounds. ²⁵ (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) ²⁶ For I say unto you, that unto everyone which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.

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You have talents for today reach out I say and run your race, make each day count as there will be no tomorrow for you. My sons and daughters do you not know that I hasten My return until all things be fulfilled! You the Church are part of My end time plan. In this end time age of acceleration focus your life in Me, My Kingdom will expand in you and through you. Remember life is like a vapor so make each minute, hour, day and years add up for My glory, redeeming your time for the days are evil. Make for your life a legacy that will remain throughout eternity. Yes, you prevailed in ME the Kingdom of God was within you leaving a sweet-smelling incense that Christ was and is in your life and touched those that I called you to reach for me

and My Kingdom. Occupying is the call for you that you are raised up for such a time as this. My Kingdom come thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. You are my treasure in an earthen vessel, so I say to you let My glory expel the darkness as you are My instrument to occupy till I come, transform as many from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of His dear son and truly your Lord will say, "Well done thy good and faithful servant." Amen and Amen!

Conclusion

2 Peter 3:9, The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance. God's desire is for all mankind to be saved.

Prayer of Salvation: Jesus, I ask You to forgive me of my sins. I want You to come and live in my heart. You are my Lord and Savior. I believe You died for my sins and arose from the dead and with my mouth I confess You as my Savior. Thank you for saving me. Amen!