Death In One Year

Introduction: Death is not a popular topic, We try to avoid it at all cost. What if you were told you had just one year to live? What would go through your mind? Think of how it would change you. A woman told me her near death experience. She was told she had only one year to live.

**I) In Appropriate Actions Some People Take**

**A) Deny the fact they will die**

1. The old "it won't happen to me" or "I will beat it" **Hebrews 9.27**

2. Just whistle pass the graveyard mentality.

3. Most us dread the event of death, **Luke 22.42**

**B) Give up all hope**

1. Eat, drink, and be merry, live in despair.

2. Commit spiritual suicide by not thinking about their soul.

**II) Appropriate Actions**

**A) Think about death, Ecclesiastes 9.5**

1. Young people die due to accidents, health, violence, **Ecc. 12.1**

a. Youth is not a time to sow wild oats

2. Older people understand tomorrow is drawing closer, **Luke 12.17-20**

a. The older we get the more we understand and accept the reality of death.

3. Helps us to focus on God, **Hebrews 10.31**

**B) Consider what you will leave behind**

1. What will you leave your children, spouse, parents? Your example, memories, reputation.

2. Do not want to leave behind problems for them to deal with.

3. Want to leave a good estate, **Deut. 34.10**

**C) Re-evaluate your priorities**

1. Wealth becomes less important, **Psalm 49.10**

2. We let the urgent take over the important, **Matthew 13.20-21**

**D) Use time more wisely**

1. Become a person of action, **James 4.17**

2. Make an effort to do more now, **Acts 17.32**

**E) Tell people you love them**

1. Settle any disputes we may have had with a brother or sister, **Matthew 5.23-24.**

2. Comfort those who will be left behind.

**III) The Grave Is A Reality**

**A) We are all terminal**

1. Survey says, everybody will die.

2. We just don't know when, **Ecc. 9.11-12**

**B) We determine the condition we are in when we die, John 8.24**

Conclusion: May will die twice, the physical death and then the second death in **Revelation 20.14-15**. Others will die once, **Revelation 22.14**. It matters not when we die as long as we are ready to meet the Lord.