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REINVENT YOU: LIFE IS SHORT

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Ecclesiastes 9:10 "

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Proverbs 21:25, Ecclesiastes 11:4,
& James 4:13-14

REFLECTION

What stopped you in the past from pursuing your dreams?

What will you do from here on to add motion to your plans?

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. - **Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NIV)**

"I wish for a world where people understand that life is short. So today is the time to do big things." – Robin S. Sharma

Quite often, we get to read obituaries of people, young and old, who have crossed to the great beyond. Whether we are notified by word of mouth, through radio, TV, tabloids or social media, such losses are considered irreparable because their time on earth is ended. Much as we believe God for a rich, long and satisfying life on earth, we should not forget that every day we live is a countdown to our final days here on earth. Life on earth has an expiration date, whether we go to be with the Lord at a full old age, or Jesus returns to take us home, the truth still stands, we have limited time on this part of eternity; so in this sense, 'life is short.' Thus, the time to reinvent 'you' and make the difference you've always wanted to make in life is NOW.

Don't keep postponing the time to pursue your lifelong dreams; think about how much time has passed between when you were first inspired to pursue those dreams and now. What have you done about them? What move have you made towards achieving them? Do you still think it is not yet time? King Solomon said, "He who waits for perfect conditions will never get anything done." Most times, when we put off doing things, we never get to do them again. One thing you don't want to do tomorrow is look back in regret at something you should have done but didn't do, because you kept thinking you had time. I know that so well – some of us look at our parents and wish they did certain things differently at certain points in their lives; we wished they dared to pursue their calling or dreams. Do not allow a repeat. The best use of time is to use it for the best ends.

Procrastination is often borne out of laziness and lack of proper time management; but you hold the power to change that. The Psalmist said, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). Applying God's wisdom to how you live each moment will enable you cut off unnecessary pursuits and distractions, jerk you out of your inertia and help you redeem your days on earth. You must remember that life on earth is like a vapor; you are not guaranteed tomorrow's outcome, it may just quickly speed by. Therefore, as much as you have today, start taking steps in the direction of fulfilling your dreams, don't wait forever to do that, don't wait for perfect conditions...start somewhere, start today.

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