



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

David, by inspiration, penned these words in Psalm 139:16: *“Your eyes have seen my unformed substance and in Thy book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.”* What awe-inspiring of the description of the greatness of God. The days of the life of one on earth was written down before they existed. Many do not believe this. David did! The unbelieving world does not take God at His word. Just listen how many believe that exercise and eating right will extend our years. It’s being presented before us all the time. Too many times we are taking in the beliefs of the world around while God is ignored. We just need to listen more closely to God and not what the world states.

Listen to what Paul says to Timothy: *“For bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also the life to come.”* (I Timothy 4:8) All this exertion on the physical body and what is the profit? Little! (I’m not advocating not caring.) Look at the diets, work outs, pills and exercise equipment flooding our lives. What if we exerted that much energy toward godliness? Eating right and exercise may make our years more enjoyable, keeping us away from doctors as often, but it’s not extending our years. Those years were written in God’s scroll, His book before our lives existed on this earth. We need to meditate on that thought as it will make you see the greatness of God. That makes godliness so important in our lives because godliness gives us promise in this life and the future life to come. Exercise can’t do that.

When you pillow your head tonight, what if the days you have been ordained ends? We need to put some serious thought into that and learn to live each day for the Lord and His righteousness. We need to strive for godliness. Godliness is deeper than just right and wrong. It is a **sacredness** about your life and lifestyle. It’s about **holiness** in your choices and what you go after. If we know and believe God is holy and righteous, godliness is pursuing His holiness and

right ways to live while on this earth! Here's one quick example: Never let the sun go down on your wrath (Ephesians 4:26). What if we spent our last day ordained on this earth holding to resentment or anger at someone? What would happen if your last day ordained was spent with a bad attitude toward someone or being unloving toward another? We need to live each day in the righteousness of God and humble in heart. Pursue godliness! In that, there will be no regrets... ever! It does matter what you pursue in your personal life. Think about it!!!

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