

How Can I REALLY Live Today in Light of Eternity?

What Is REALLY Beyond Death's Door – Part 6

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.” Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)

“They were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland.” Hebrews 11:16 (NLT)

1. An Accurate View of Heaven Provides _____ in Times of Trouble and Suffering.

“We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you.” 2 Corinthians 4:14 (NLT)

“THAT is why we are not discouraged. Though outwardly we are wearing out, inwardly we are renewed day by day. Our suffering is light and temporary and is producing for us an eternal glory that is greater than anything we can imagine. We don’t look for things that can be seen but for things that can’t be seen. Things that can be seen are only temporary. But things that can’t be seen last forever.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (GWT)

“I consider our present sufferings insignificant compared to the glory that will soon be revealed to us.” Romans 8:18 (NCV)

“For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

2. An Accurate View of Heaven Provides _____ in Times of Temptation.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father’s house has many rooms, if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?” John 14:1-2 (NIV)

3. An Accurate View of Heaven Provides Clear _____ under Pressure.

“Don’t store treasures for yourself here on earth where moths and rust will destroy them and thieves can break in and steal them. But store your treasures in heaven where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them.” Matthew 6:19-20 (NCV)

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.” 2 Peter 3:10-11 (NIV)

4. An Accurate View of Heaven Provides a _____ _____ of Possessions.

“Life is not measured by how much you own.” Luke 12:15 (NLT)

“Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I’ll sit back and say to myself, ‘My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink and be merry!’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” Luke 12:18-21 (NLT)

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

ARE YOU REALLY TAKING HEAVEN SERIOUSLY?

1. Are You _____ You Are Going to Heaven?

“This is what God told us: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life, but whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write this letter to you who believe in the Son of God so you will know you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:11-13 (NCV)

“But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12 (ESV)

2. Do your _____ Priorities and Passions Reveal an Eternal or Temporal Perspective?

“I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like His own, using the same power with which He will bring everything under His control.” Philippians 3:18-21 (NCV)

3. Are There People You Care about Who _____ Heaven or How to Get There?

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10 (NIV)

“All of us must die eventually. Our lives are like water spilled out on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God does not just sweep life away; instead, he devises ways to bring us back when we have been separated from him.” 2 Samuel 14:14 (NLT)