

*“Let’s Get Serious”*

Psalm 90:12

INTRO: Have you noticed that following a cancer diagnosis or a tragedy, people talk about priorities and what really matters in life. They are no longer going to just sail along through life, but rather are going to get serious about living for the Lord. Why must we await a terrible situation in order to get right priorities about Christian living, about getting serious in our service for the Lord?!

I. THE APPROACH TO GETTING SERIOUS: “so teach us”

1. Recognize Our Defectiveness - Je. 9:17, Is. 55:8-9; Ro. 12:2; 2 Co. 10:5
2. Recognize Our Dependency - Pr. 1:7, 9:10; 14:12 vs. Ps. 18:30, Ps. 86:11

II. THE ASSESSMENT FOR GETTING SERIOUS: “to number our days”

1. Face Our Frailty - Ps. 39:4-5; Ja. 4:13-15
2. Face Our Finality - Job 14:5; Ps. 31:5, He. 9:27, Ps. 90:10

III. THE ACTIVATION OF GETTING SERIOUS: “that we may apply”

1. Do It Presently - Jn. 9:4; Ec. 9:10; 2 Co. 6:2; Ja. 4:17; 1 Pt. 4:10-11
2. Do It Permanently - 1 Co. 15:58; Lk. 12:40

IV. THE ALTERATION FROM GETTING SERIOUS: “our hearts unto wisdom”

1. Where We Change - Mt. 12:34, 15:18; Pr. 4:23
2. What We Change - Ep. 5:15-16; Job 28:28; Pr. 16:16; Ja. 1:5

V. THE AIM OF GETTING SERIOUS

1. To Manifest Our Appreciation - 2 Co. 9:15; Cl. 3:17; 1 Co. 15:57
2. To Make Ready For Our Accounting - 2 Co. 5:10; Lk. 12:20,21/2Ti.4:6

CONCL: Who among us will hear the Lord say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”? Who among us can say that we live each day in submission to the will of God with the goal of glorifying God. He Who gave His life for us asks only that we give our life for Him. Is it not about time that we all get serious about doing that?!

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