

# What Is Your Life?

James 4:13-17

## I. **Life Is A Gift** (Gen. 2:7).

A. It is clear that life is a gift from God..

B. God created man to serve and glorify Him. (Eccles. 12:13; Matt. 5:14-16; Acts 17:28).

## II. **Life Is A Vapor.** (Jas. 4:14; Job 14:1, 2; Prov. 27:1; Psa. 90:10).

A. Psa. 90:12

B. Heb. 3:15

## III. **Life Is Intended To Be Happy**

A. There are some people who feel that life is to be sad and gloomy or just a mere existence.

B. **This concept of life is certainly not taught in the Bible.** (Lk. 10:20; Jn. 10:10).

C. Listen to what the Bible says about how to find happiness. (Psa. 1:1,2; 144:15; Phil. 4:4, 6-7; 1 Pet. 3:10-12).

## IV. **Life Is A Preparation.**

A. The period of time we are upon the earth should be used to prepare ourselves to move into eternity. (Amos 4:12; 2 Cor. 5:10).

B. Let us consider some things we must do in order to be prepared to meet God.

1. In the first place, we must **accept Christ.**

a. The majority think man is saved only by morality and good works.

b. See Jn. 8:24; 3:36; Heb. 5:9

2. In the second place, we must **live close to God.**

a. **A certain love song says,** "I'll be loving you, not for just an hour, not for just a day, not for just a year, but always."

b. **It ought to be like this in our Christian living.**

3. In the third place, we must **give God our best.**

a. **A missionary in India once saw a woman going one morning toward the Ganges River.**

b. **That is what we must do.**

1) God gave his best, His only begotten Son.

2) We must give Him our best if we want to be accepted by Him. (Rom. 12:1).

4. In the fourth place, we must **lay up treasures in heaven.**

a. **A rich man took a preacher through his wonderful new home and showed him his wealth.**

b. **This is a good question for all of us.**

1) How much treasure do we have laid up in heaven?

2) Heavenly treasures are the only treasures that will help us in the life to come. (1 Tim. 6:7; Matt. 6:19-21).

5. In the fifth place, we must **add the Christian graces.** (2 Pet. 1:5-11).

6. In the sixth place, we must be **faithful until death.**

a. This does not mean we are sinless. (1 Jn. 1:8, 10)

b. It does mean we confess our sins and seek daily to walk in the light. (1 Jn.1:7, 9).

c. Only those who are faithful until death will receive the crown of life. (Rev. 2:10).

## **Conclusion.**

I. Give Jesus your life today! Trust in Him and be baptized and live a life to His glory.

II. 2 Cor. 6:2