Matthew 6:25-30

As we grow older the thoughts of death linger in the back of our minds. We wonder how much life we have left to live. The Bible is filled with words that encourage us not to worry about tomorrow. For if God takes care of the sparrows God will certainly care for us. This truth is at the heart of our faith in God, yet the idea still lingers in our minds, and we are the only one of God's creatures who can truly contemplate the future and remember the past.

I believe that part of the death that God was speaking of when He admonished Adam and Eve of the penalty for eating of the tree of good and evil would be death. I believe we die many times thinking about that reality. I offer this thought that I was given, and hope it moves you towards a new outlook on the end of life.

You know… time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young and embarking on my new life. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But here it is… the last quarter of my life and it catches me by surprise… How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first quarter and the fourth quarter was so far off that I could not visualize it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But here it is… my friends are retired and getting gray… they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me… but, I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant… but, like me, their age is beginning to show, and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore… it's mandatory! Because if I don't on my own free will… I fall asleep where I sit!

And so… now I enter this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But at least I know, though I'm on the last quarter and I'm not sure how long it will last… this I know, that when it's over on this earth… it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done… things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the last quarter yet… let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the last quarter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life…. so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember… and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

“Life” is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY!
DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY!
HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Remember, “It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

~ Going out is good…
Coming home is better!

~ You forget names….
But it’s OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!

~ The things you used to care to do, you aren’t as interested in anymore, but you really don’t care that you aren’t as interested.

~ You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV ‘ON’ than in bed. It’s called “pre-sleep”.

~ You miss the days when everything worked with just an “ON” and “OFF” switch.

~ You tend to use more 4 letter words … “what?”…”when?”… ???

~ You have lots of clothes in your wardrobe, more than half of which you will never wear.

Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

~ But Old is good in some things:

The movement of life is constant and never ending. If we are truly Children of God, then we know that death does not have the last word. The grave is not our final destination. Heaven is our home. In

meantime, enjoy life as it is given day by day. Friend by friend. Those we love will appreciate us for doing just that. For in doing that we will be teaching how to live a blessed and gracious life.

Blessings,
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