

**Psalm 39:4-5** - "LORD, *remind me* how brief my time on earth will be. *Remind me* that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away.

## **Number Your Days!**

**Psalm 90:12** - So *teach us* to *number our days*, that we may *gain a heart of wisdom*.

7 Years – 2,555 Days 84 Months 28 Seasons

You were created by God to live your life “On Purpose”!

God has a distinct plan and purpose for our lives.

“Numbering your Days” will cause you to remain steadfast in the face of defeat, embarrassment, impossibility, and discouragement.

## **Jeremiah 29:11-14** –

11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

12 In those days when you pray, I will listen.

13 You will find me when you seek me, if you look for me in earnest.

14 "Yes," says the Lord, "I will be found by you, and I will end your slavery and restore your fortunes; I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and bring you back home again to your own land.

God spoke this to a people that were entering into 70 years of Babylonian captivity due to their disobedience.

What do you do when you have lost the ability to dream for your life or to join your heart to God's dream?

What do you do when your dream dies or you have gone into captivity?

**Psalm 57:2** - I will **cry** to God Most High, Who performs on my behalf and rewards me, who brings to pass His purposes for me and surely completes them!

Your dream will die at least 3 times. Ignore it, don't have a funeral; keep on walking toward the impossible goal.

God's purpose or dream for your life may die inside your heart many times, but it never dies inside the heart of God.

### **EXAMPLES:**

- Albert Einstein did not speak until he was 4 years old and did not read until he was 7. His parents thought he was "sub-normal," and one of his teachers described him as "mentally slow, unsociable, and adrift forever in foolish dreams." He was expelled from school and was refused admittance to the Zurich Polytechnic School. He did eventually learn to speak and read—even to do a little math.

- Henry Ford failed and went broke five times before he succeeded.
- R. H. Macy failed seven times before his store in New York City caught on.
- Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor because "he lacked imagination and had no good ideas." He went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland. In fact, the proposed park was rejected by the city of Anaheim on the grounds that it would only attract riffraff.
- Charles Schultz had every cartoon he submitted rejected by his high school yearbook staff. Oh, and Walt Disney wouldn't hire him.
- Winston Churchill failed sixth grade. He was subsequently defeated in every election for public office until he became Prime Minister at the age of 62. He said, "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never - in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never, Never, Never, Never give up."

### **Philippians 3:12-14 –**

12 Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I ***press on to lay hold*** of (grasp) and make my own, ***that for which Christ Jesus has laid hold of me*** and made me His own.

13 I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.

How do I “Take Hold” of the reason Christ “Took Hold of Me”?

**Isaiah 50:7** - I have set my face or purpose like a flint or in stone and I shall not be ashamed!

Jesus set his face like a rock toward the cross!

So few have a purpose for their lives, which is larger than their obstacles and individual needs.

Will my life make a difference?

**Habakkuk 2:3** - But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!

You are “Too Close to Heaven” to give up on your dreams!

What dream has died in your life that awaits a resurrection?

“Great it is to dream the dream, when in youth you stand by the starry stream, but a greater thing is to fight life through and to say at the end, ‘The Dream is True!’”

- *John Osteen 12-20-98*