

Recalibrate 2

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Recalibrate: to check, or rectify; to determine the correct range, so as to have a precise use.

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. ⁵ My life is no longer than the width of my hand. An entire lifetime is just a moment to you; human existence is but a breath.”

James 4:14 – “...what is your life? You are a mist or a puff of steam that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”

Philippians 3:12-15 – “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us who are mature should take such a view of things.”

Mission = taking hold of that for which Jesus took hold of me.

Our mission in life must be recalibrated.

Our mission in life is to know God and His freedom. Everything else comes out of this.

Number your days!

Psalm 90:12 – “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Understanding the brevity of life is an open door to gaining a heart of wisdom.”

Wisdom is the capacity to make decisions today that don't bring regret in the future.

Numbering your days will provide a clarity and fearlessness in life that nothing else can.

“...Almost everything—all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure—these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart.” –Steve Jobs

Every step toward God is a step toward freedom (or being found in Him)!

Colossians 3:2-4 – “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

“Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in, aim at earth and you won't get either.”
–CS Lewis

When what matters to God ceases to matter to me, I have gotten off track in my mission in life.

Seek those things that are above, or the things that matter in eternity.

Genesis 25:29-34 – “Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished.³⁰ He said to Jacob, ‘Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!’³¹ Jacob replied, ‘First sell me your birthright.’³² ‘Look, I am about to die,’ Esau said. ‘What good is the birthright to me?’³³ But Jacob said, ‘Swear to me first.’ So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.”

Hebrews 12:16-17 – “Watch out for the Esau syndrome: trading away God's lifelong gift in order to satisfy a short-term appetite. You well know how Esau later regretted that impulsive act and wanted God's blessing—but by then it was too late, tears or no tears.”

Esau Syndrome: trading away God's lifelong gift (eternity) in order to satisfy a short-term appetite (life on earth).

Hebrews 11:24-28 – “By faith, Moses, when grown, refused the privileges of the Egyptian royal house.²⁵ He chose a hard life with God's people rather than enjoy a season of an opportunistic soft life of sin with the oppressors.²⁶ He valued suffering in the Messiah's camp far greater than Egyptian wealth because he was looking ahead, anticipating the payoff.²⁷ By an act of faith, he turned his heel on Egypt, indifferent to the king's blind rage. He had his eye on the One no eye can see, and kept right on going.”

Unless this is the best year of your life spiritually, this will not be the best year of your life.

Anticipate the payoff!