

Numbering Our Days

Psa 90:12

Teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom

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- How can the numbering of our days help us to receive wisdom?

Psalms 90:10

The days of our years are threescore years and ten;
and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,
yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off,
and we fly away.

Psalms 39:4

LORD, make me to know mine end,
and the measure of my days,
what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Psalms 39:5

Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth;
and mine age is as nothing before thee:
verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Psalms 90:2

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2 Peter 3:8

With the Lord one day is as a thousand years,
and a thousand years as one day.

Ecclesiastes 6:12

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Psalms 103:14-15

Ye know not what shall be on the morrow.

For what is your life? It is even a vapor,
that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away.

Psalms 103:15 As for man, his days are as grass:

as a flower in the field, so he flourishes.

1 Peter 1:24

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like the flower of grass.

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1 Peter 1:25

The word of the Lord remains forever.

I Chronicles 29:14.

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We are strangers before you and sojourners,
as all our fathers were.
Our days on the earth are like a shadow,
and there is no abiding.

Hebrews 13:14

Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

“We may be glad in the house of our pilgrimage,
even though here we have no continuing city,
no abiding place, no security,
but are buffeted by the world,
the flesh and the Adversary continually.

BECAUSE, the Lord, our great deliverer,
is on our part: his promises,
exceeding great and precious,
are our support and consolation”.

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“We must be willing also to stand the test
of being strangers and pilgrims
in the present time.

Those who cannot stand this test
will not be accounted worthy of
a share in those glorious things”

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I Corinthians 4:7

Who maketh thee to differ from another?
and what hast thou that thou didst not receive?

“What have we to call our own
that has not been included in our
covenant of consecration to God?

Nothing.

Consequently all that we have belongs to God,
and we are merely stewards of his goods.”

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“No two persons are exactly alike in
opportunity, talent and ability.

God did not create some better and some worse,
some less and some more richly endowed.

Sin has made us all to differ from
the original image and likeness of God.

Satan brought about this difference
through Mother Eve.”

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“The pound is the same to all; it represents justification.

The one thing which the Redeemer does

for all who become His followers

is to justify them freely from all things.

This leaves them all on exactly an even footing;

for justification makes up to each individual

in proportion as he is deficient

in proportion as he by nature is

short of perfection, the Divine standard.”

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“the ten servants to whom the pounds were given,
were only a part of all the nobleman's servants;
they would seem to represent the consecrated class
who have professed full devotion to the Lord,
and to each of whom is given a special gift or blessing,
not given to others of the servants of the household of faith.

This special gift or blessing seems to be referred to by the Apostle,
when he says:

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A measure of the spirit is given to every man
to profit withal." (1 Cor. 12:7)

It is the same gift to all, the same spirit amongst all,
working in all of this class; and the duty of each one
is to use this gift of the Lord for its increase;
and the more his devotion and the more his faithfulness
the larger may be the results."

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or more had not been given”

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We might also ask ourselves how much time, money
influence etc. should I give?

Instead, the question should be,

“How much may I use for myself?”

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“The true principle of sacrifice,
seeks not the poorest and leanest part
of our sacrifice to offer before the Lord,
but the fat – the freshest hours, the choicest talents.
Let us learn more and more to economize time and money,
so that much of it may be directly used for His glory.”

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I Corinthians 4:1-2

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as of the ministers of Christ,
and stewards of the mysteries of God.

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Romans 14:12

So then every one of us shall
give account of himself to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10

“We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;
that every one may receive the things done in his body,
according to that he hath done,
whether it be good or bad.”

“these parables teach that it is the duty of every Christian to make good use of all that the Lord has given him.

“... If we neglect to consider “and ponder the principles and precepts of God's Word, or to heed their wholesome instructions; if we fail to consider or to follow the leadings of the holy spirit; if we neglect the privilege of prayer and communion with God; or if we fail to cultivate the fellowship and communion of saints, we are folding our "pound" in a napkin.

It cannot yield its legitimate increase while thus unused. Christian character cannot grow and develop in the neglect of the very means which God has provided for its perfecting.”

“a part of their object was to disabuse the disciples' minds of the idea that his Kingdom would immediately appear.

He thus intimated that while he was about to return to his Father in heaven there would be an interim between then and the time of his return,”

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Hebrews 10:37

For yet, a little while, and he that shall come will come,
and will not tarry.

Because of the shortness of human life,
we act quickly ourselves and expect others to act so,
and we can scarcely avoid carrying the same thought
with us when we go to the investigation of God's Word.

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We see then that a long time and a "little while" are accommodative terms, to be understood in harmony with the standpoint of the one using them.

When Paul used these words he was God's mouthpiece, therefore the word is God's, and it is from His standpoint, in whose sight "a thousand years are but as yesterday," and "as a watch in the night." If we remember that He is from everlasting to everlasting*, we can readily see, that eighteen hundred years, (now 1900), are but "a little while" to Him. In His sight it is only "a little while" since He created Adam.

Let us not be so impatient; there is plenty of time in eternity."

“God knows the end from the beginning,
and looking at the great clock of the ages,
declares to us that the things we so much desire
shall be "shortly," "yet a little while,"
and the glory, power and blessing
of the promised Seed
will be revealed to all.”

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2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise
as some count slowness,
but is patient toward you,
not wishing that any should perish,
but that all should reach repentance.

Genesis 4:25

Adam knew his wife again; and she bore a son,
and called his name Seth:

For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed
instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

“The hope that she might be the mother
of the long promised "seed of the woman"
seems to have filled the heart of Eve's daughters
through the line of the family of godly Seth,
all the way to and including
Mary, our Lord's mother.”

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Genesis 17:15-17

God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife,
thou shalt not call her name Sarai,
And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her ...

Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed,
and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him
that is a hundred years old?
and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Abraham died at the age of 175,
90 years after the promise that his seed
would bless all the nations of the earth.
Through all his years he never lost his hope,
his faith in God's promise.

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Here again we realize that God's "little while"
is to man a great while; but surely and steadily
the members of the body of Christ are
being developed, and in due time they will be
united to their Head, and with Him glorified
– constituting in the complete sense
"the seed"

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Gal 6:9.

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We “should not only start out well
by making a full consecration,
but should continue faithful,
and not be weary of striving against sin
and of being faithful to righteousness.”

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“It is possible that some, even of the very dear and fully consecrated children of God, surrounded by the cares of this life, or weary in the struggle against sin and evil, or somewhat beguiled by the present things of time and sense, may have become more or less drowsy, and so stand in special need of the stirring exhortation, "It is now high time to awake out of sleep.”

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It is a time for earnest, searching self-examination,
for a more diligent feeling after God,
for a closer walk and more intimate fellowship with him,
for more thorough self-abnegation
more diligent and persevering cross-bearing,
and more faithful conformity in every respect
to the whole will of God concerning us.

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Romans 13:12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.

“The Apostle wrote this after four thousand years had passed and the fifth was under way. Now we see six thousand-year days are in the past and “the seventh the Millennium of promise, is chronologically already begun.”

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“And though the race as a whole has been permitted thus
to suffer for six thousand years,
yet as individuals they have
run their course in a few brief years.”

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“Time is granted to us to make up our accounts;
and blessed is he who,
finding that he has not been as faithful as
he might have been in the past,
is now putting forth redoubled energies –
"redeeming the time".

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Buying for yourselves the season,
because the days evil are

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I Corinthians 1:22

For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

I Corinthians 1:23-24

We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews
a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

I Corinthians 1:30

Of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

“Wisdom is here given the first, and in that sense the most important, place amongst the steps of salvation.

The Wise Man's testimony agrees with this, saying,

“Wisdom is the principal thing...
with all thy getting get understanding.”

However well disposed we may be,

however weak or strong,

wisdom is the prime essential
to our taking the proper course.”

“longed for knowledge, wisdom; and the very fact that the forbidden tree seemed to be a gateway to wisdom constituted her temptation to disobedience to her Creator.

How necessary then is a wise counselor to guide us in wisdom's ways of pleasantness, and through her paths of peace.”

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Proverbs 14:12

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but the end thereof are the ways of death.

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Job 28:12

Where shall wisdom be found?
and where is the place of understanding?

Isaiah II:1-2

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse,
and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Colossians 2:3

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Philippians 3:8

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things
and count them as rubbish,

In order that I may gain Christ. (ASV)

James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom,
let him ask of God,
that giveth to all men liberally.

“It is only natural that we should appreciate
our lack of wisdom as we come to see
the lengths, breadths, heights, and depths
of God’s loving providence for us, the display of his wisdom.

The more wisdom we gain, the more we realize
how much we are lacking.

We need to go continually to the fountain of grace
that we may profitably use the instruction
we receive and apply our hearts unto wisdom.

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James 1:6

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.

For he that wavers is like

a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

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“This is not a credulous faith.

Our faith is based upon the evidences we see from the scriptures. We are to critically evaluate all information and clearly distinguish between the teachings of men and the substantiated Word of God.

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“It is only those who are using to the best of their ability
the power and the talents already given them
who have any right to ask for further wisdom.”

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Matthew 25:27-28

Then you ought to have invested my money
with the bankers, and at my coming
I should have received what was my own with interest.

So take the talent from him and
give it to him who has the ten talents.

ESV

“These gifts are not inalienable;
by neglect to use them,
or by their abuse, they may be lost.
If we fail to use, or fail to use
for the Lord’s glory, or use for self-glory,
our place can readily be filled by another.”

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“Some may even have attained to all the
glorious privileges of consecration,
service, knowledge, etc., and
then become cold, careless, overcharged with
the cares of this life, and thus bring forth less fruit
and not be counted worthy of
membership in the Bride Class.”

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“Evidences in our day of a condition of unfitness for the "little flock" and danger of missing it would be a worldly spirit ,a careless spirit, a love of the world, a slackness of zeal for God, for righteousness, for the brethren, and a failure to use opportunities and to seek for others for the furtherance of the praises of “Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light” a failure to go on to a greater development In the fruits and graces of the Spirit.”

R487I

Proverbs 8:14

I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.

Proverbs 8:17

I love those who love me, and
those who seek me diligently find me.

“complete sanctification of mind and body;
our time, reputation and money – all:

This death to earthly things
as symbolized in our water baptism
is absolutely essential to our becoming
joint-heirs with Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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“Beware of the slavery of habit!

Even the force of the "exceeding great and precious promises"
is not sufficient to hold in check our fallen appetites
when they are constantly being fed
and the chains of habit are being forged.”

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“The question, Shall I make provision for the flesh
to fulfill its desires, or, shall I not?
should be weighed by every saint.
Much depends upon the decision.”

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“It is helping to making absolutely no provision for the flesh to further its desires along any line. It promises, if possible, more careful inspection than ever of each word and thought and act. It raises barricades at various weak points and thus strengthens the New Creature and confirms its highest resolutions, and it proportionately binds the old nature and mortifies it.”

R4401

Romans 13:11

Knowing the time, that now it
is high time to awake out of sleep:
for now is our salvation nearer
than when we believed.

What is God's purpose for us, as New Creatures,
in "applying our hearts unto wisdom?"

James 1:27

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this,
To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction,
and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

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Psalms 45:14

She (the king's daughter) shall be brought
unto the king in raiment of needlework:
the virgins her companions that
follow her shall be brought unto thee.

Acts 14:22

Confirming the souls of the disciples, and
exhorting them to continue in the faith,
and that we must through much tribulation
enter into the kingdom of God.

“sufferings are not incidental to the embroidering we are to do,
but the result of our not being engaged

In our embroidering work and having time
to meddle with sin or with other matters and affairs.”

If we become heedless, careless, indifferent, overcharged
with the cares of this life, the deceitfulness of riches
and the affairs of this world,
our robes will show it.”

SM251

“Day by day we are on trial as new creatures.

We are to overcome the old nature with its tendencies.

Daily the Lord our God proves us to see the depth of our loyalty to Him and to the principles of righteousness.

He tests us as to our love for Him, for our brethren, for our neighbor. Are we daily putting on more and more the fruits and graces of the holy Spirit meekness, gentleness, patience, long-suffering, brotherly-kindness,

LOVE?”

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I Corinthians 13:13

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John 13:34

A new commandment I give unto you,
That ye love one another;
as I have loved you.

“The fruits of the Spirit are those developments which come to us as New Creatures in Christ, gradually growing daily, yearly. The fruits of the Spirit are manifest, namely, Faith, Hope, Meekness, Patience, Gentleness, Long Suffering, Brotherly Kindness, Love. These are gifts in one sense of the word, but fruits in another. As the fruit of the tree is the gift to its owner and caretaker, so is the fruitage of the new nature. These fruits of the Spirit represent a development of character under Divine guidance and by Divine assistance.”

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What is love?

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"God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God. (1 Jn 4:8)

God sets the standard of love as the only standard
by which we shall ultimately be measured."

SM265

“He never neglected His own spiritual needs;
for the development of Himself as a New Creature was
His first obligation, as it is our first consideration.”

SM635

“HE who finds his heart not in harmony with this law of the New Covenant, love, mercy, kindness, gentleness, goodness lacks the evidence or proof that he is in any sense of the word accepted as a son of God, and a joint-heir with Christ.

If we have not love in our hearts for the brethren, and love of gentleness and benevolence toward all men, and even toward the brute creation, we have not the spirit which will carry us through in making the sacrifices necessary under present conditions.”

R2330:2. 2/7 Mana

“It is time, dear friends, that we awake
to the responsibilities of the hour,
that we realize that the Bridegroom is nigh,
even at the door; that the last of the wise virgins
will soon enter into the the marriage
and the door will be shut; and:
that the choicest blessings of all time
will soon be won or lost as far as we are concerned.”

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