Bible Study Guide

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE

A Bible Study on Life's Brevity, God's Will, and Wise Living

Introduction

A mist hanging over a field may appear substantial at dawn, yet disappear when the sun rises. James uses the image of a vapour to describe the brevity of human life. If our time is so limited, the question of purpose cannot be postponed indefinitely. Scripture reveals that our lives are given by God, for fellowship with Him and service to others.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **What does James compare our life to?** (James 4:14)

"For what is your life? It is even a _____, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Earthly life is temporary. We are called to use our limited time wisely rather than assume that tomorrow is guaranteed.

2 **What should we ask God to teach us?** (Psalm 90:12)

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto _____."

A true sense of life's brevity leads to wise priorities.

3 **What did God say to Jeremiah before he was formed?** (Jeremiah 1:5)

"Before I formed thee in the belly I _____; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee..."

Jeremiah's calling shows God's purposeful knowledge of His servant. Our lives also have dignity and value because we belong to the Creator.

4 **Who made us?** (Psalm 100:3)

"it is he that hath made us, and not we _____;"

We belong to our Creator and owe our existence to Him.

5 **In whose image was humanity created?** (Genesis 1:27)

"So God created man in his own _____,"

Human beings were made to reflect their Creator and have dignity in His sight.

6 **For what purpose did God say He had created His people?** (Isaiah 43:7)

"Everyone that is called by my name: for I have created him for my _____, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."

Our greatest purpose is to reflect God's character and honor Him, not merely advance our own reputation.

7 **For whose glory should we do ordinary things?** (1 Corinthians 10:31)

"whatsoever ye do, do all to the _____ of God."

Even ordinary acts can become expressions of worship and faithful stewardship.

8 **How does Jesus describe eternal life in His prayer to the Father?** (John 17:3)

"And this is life eternal, that they might _____ the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Eternal life is inseparable from a living knowledge of God through Jesus Christ, not merely endless existence.

9 **What is worthy of our rejoicing?** (Jeremiah 9:24)

"But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and _____ me,"

The greatest privilege is to know God's character, not to boast in human attainment.

10 **What does Ecclesiastes say belongs to the whole duty of man?** (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his _____: for this is the whole duty of man."

Reverence for God and obedience to His commandments give direction to the life of faith.

11 **What must take first place in our lives?** (Matthew 6:33)

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his _____;"

Christ calls us to order our lives around the kingdom rather than temporary interests.

12 **What are believers created in Christ Jesus to do?** (Ephesians 2:10)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto _____, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

God's grace calls us to purposeful service. Good works are the fruit of salvation, not its purchase price.

13 **What is the relationship between grace and good works?** (Ephesians 2:8-10)

"For by grace are ye saved through _____ ... For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto _____,"

Salvation is God's gift, not our achievement; obedience is the fruit of His saving work.

14 **How is the Father glorified in our lives?** (John 15:8)

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much _____; so shall ye be my disciples."

The fruit of abiding in Christ reveals His work to others.

15 **For whom did Paul say he lived?** (Philippians 1:21)

"For to me to live is _____, and to die is gain."

Paul's life found its meaning in Jesus. Even the prospect of death did not overturn his hope in the resurrection.

16 **How should we use the limited time we have?** (Ephesians 5:16)

"Redeeming the _____, because the days are evil."

Life's brevity invites intentional service rather than careless delay.

17 **Why should our lives shine before others?** (Matthew 5:16)

"that they may see your good works, and _____ your Father which is in heaven."

The purpose of service is to draw attention to God, not ourselves.

Appeal

If your life is brief and belongs to God, what deserves first place in it? Will you surrender your time, abilities, and plans to Christ?

Commitment

I choose to live for Christ, use the time and abilities He has given me for His glory, and seek to know Him more deeply.

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