



COUNT THE DAYS; MAKE THEM COUNT

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- **Me**

One thing that I absolutely cannot stand is wasting time. I get impatient when I feel that so much more could be done and the clock is just ticking by. Is there anyone else like me this morning?

My impatience has done more harm than good sometimes. On the flip side, because I am so driven to not stand still, I tend to get stuff done. There is a burning passion in my heart to live this life to its absolute fullest so that when I breathe my last breath on earth I will hear our Lord and Savior say, "Well done good and faithful servant" when I take my first breath in eternity.

- **We**

What about you this morning? What is the driving passion in life? What stirs you to action?

The reason we are talking about this subject this morning is that none of us is promised tomorrow. Today is all that God has given us and He expects us to use it well.

We must learn how to take each day and make it count. Time is just like a child. If you don't tell it where to go and make sure it gets there and stays there, it will go anywhere it pleases. One poet put it well when he penned, "Time talks. This is no lie. I heard it speak. It said, "good-bye"

- **God**

What are you doing with the time that God has given you?

It is such a relief for me to know that someone else in the Bible was struggling with this very same question. That person was Moses and he wrote this in the form of a prayer: Psalm 90:12 Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.+

Most of us know who Moses is. And no, he did not look like Charlton Heston. We know this because Hollywood rarely gets it right when it comes to historical accuracy.

Moses did quite a bit in his life. He murdered someone. He stood before what we would call the President of Egypt and demanded the release of God's people. God performed many miracles through him. He led the Israelites out of Egypt in what the Bible calls the Exodus. Through him God established a system of justice that is still in use today. Moses was God's man for the hour back in those days. Sometime during his life he wrote, %God teach me to count my days and make them count.+

That should be our prayer too. We should be asking God to help us count our days to make

them count. We should not be settling for anything close to an average life. We should be the ones on this planet who are living the most driven lives.

- **You**

But how do you go about that?

First, you start by asking God to help you count the days to make them count. Declare that you desire to manage your time and your life much better than you are and that you know that God can do more through you. As you ask for this, God will answer. He will answer by giving you a heart of wisdom.

A heart of wisdom knows the difference between an eternal investment of your time and a temporary investment. A heart of wisdom seeks to invest, not spend time. When you invest, you expect a return. When you spend, you just trade dollars for something. The heart of wisdom that you will gain will begin to learn the difference between the two.

- **We**

Count the days to make them count.

What would your world look like if you lived counting the days to make them count? I think we

would see God move in ways that we didn't even know were possible. We would know what is really important and what is trivial.

That is the type of life that I want to live and I am submitting my heart in prayer to God and saying, "Teach me to number my days aright so that I may gain a heart of wisdom."

Conclusion:

Let's start now with a 7-day commitment to pray the prayer of Moses every day.