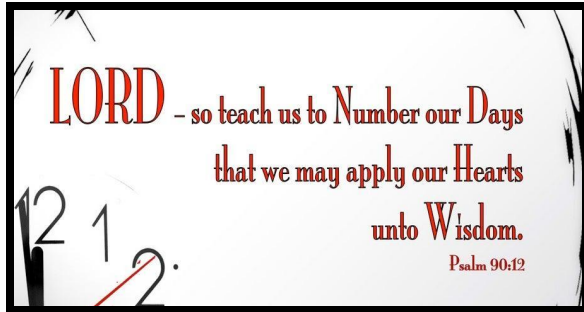




Numbering Our Days?

Jesus was coming to the end of his earthly ministry. Because he was (is) “One with God”, he realized that his ministry had been “planted” in the hearts of his disciples as well as many

followers. His message was simple, believe in me and follow my teachings and you will be forgiven of your sins and have eternal life. This was the primary mission of Jesus ministry. *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (I John 1:9)

So, what does it mean to number our days? It’s not the ability to count how many days we have lived or to predict how many days we have left. Numbering our days means, as the Bible indicates, realizing the brevity of life. It means knowing that we only have so many days on this earth, and therefore we want to “seize the day,” living each day to the fullest.

No one will escape the honor of dying but what we accomplish in living is carried over into our next chapter of existence. For the Christian, it is our understanding from Christ’s ministry, that we can have eternal life with him. Psalm 90:12 says, *“Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.”* If you were to translate this verse more literally, you might come up with: “So teach us to number our days, that we might bring a heart of wisdom.”

When we recognize that we have only so much time on this earth, that truth will help us think accurately about how to spend our time. This, in turn, will encourage us to grow in God’s wisdom. We will want to judge well how to use the time allotted to us, and this requires spiritual perspective and understanding. It’s not just knowing what we can do, but also what we should do. When we number our days, we will strive to fill each one with value, living every moment for God’s purposes and His glory. This is what Jesus did during his earthly ministry and is our guidepost for our own earthly living.

