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What If Tomorrow Never Comes?

My friend, what if tomorrow never comes? Would that have an effect on how you lived your life today? You see, although many probably never even ponder on the fact that tomorrow may never come, the truth is, tomorrow is not guaranteed for any of us. So, in knowing that, I ask...

If Tomorrow Never Comes Would Your Spouse Know How Much You Love Them?

Do you live joyfully with your spouse? Does your spouse really know how much you love them? The wise man wrote, *“Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun...”* (Ecclesiastes 9:9). You see, husbands are commanded to love their wives (Ephesians 5:25) and wives are commanded to love their husbands (Titus 2:4). Therefore, may all husbands and wives live joyfully together, and may all husbands and wives daily express their love for one another, for there will be a day my friend, when tomorrow will be too late to let your spouse know how much you really love them.

If Tomorrow Never Comes Would Your Enemies Know That You Love Them?

If today was your last day on this earth would your enemies know that you love them? You see, in Luke 6:27-28, Jesus said, *“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse, and pray for those who spitefully use you.”* Now, I know it is not always easy to love our enemies, to do good to those

who hate us, curse us, or use us. However, Jesus does instruct one to do just that. Therefore, we must not only express our love to our family and friends, but also to our enemies, and we need to do so in a way that can be understood by them, while we have the chance to do so. For, a day is coming when tomorrow will be too late to express our love to our enemies.

If Tomorrow Never Comes Would Your Forgiveness Be Given To All Who Have Wronged You?

Did you know that in order to be forgiven by God, we must likewise forgive others? You see, Jesus informed, *“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses”* (Matthew 6:14-15). Friend, take those words of Jesus to heart, and be sure to forgive others who have wronged you (Ephesians 4:32), while you have the opportunity to do so, remembering that we must forgive one another (Colossians 3:13), and that there will be a time when it will be too late to express forgiveness to others.

If Tomorrow Never Comes Would You Have Done Your Very Best?

Are you living your life each day giving your very best day by day? You see, we are instructed to do whatever we do with all of our might (Ecclesiastes 9:10). In other words, we need to do our very best at whatever we do. Now, the question is, are you doing your very best? If not, my friend, become diligent in giving your all in everything you do, always strive to do your very best every day, remembering that waiting for tomorrow may be too late, and keep these words of wisdom in mind, *“The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich”* (Proverbs 13:4).

If Tomorrow Never Comes Would You Be Prepared To Stand Before The Judgment Seat of Christ?

What if tomorrow never comes? Would you be prepared to stand before the judgment seat of Christ? You see, my friend, our Father in heaven has committed all judgment to His Son (John 5:22) and the apostle Paul informs that all will someday stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and give an account of themselves to Him (Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10). Therefore, we all need to be prepared for the

great Judgment Day, and we need to remember, now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2) and that tomorrow may be too late to become prepared to stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Once more, tomorrow is not guaranteed. Therefore, do not boast about tomorrow (Proverbs 27:1) and do not put off for tomorrow what needs to be done today (Acts 24:25). So, my friend, I ask one more time, what if tomorrow never comes?

✍️ *Brad Phillips*

Measuring Up

If we were to take a spiritual measuring stick and measure ourselves, how would we measure up? Let's look at a few places on the scale and see which point fits us best.

A Small Child.

A small child is under the age of accountability. They are still in a safe stage. They must know what to do to be saved. In Matthew 19:14, we read, "Suffer little children...to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." If a child is above the age of accountability he is in one of two stages. First, let's look at the one who is not yet converted. At this stage they are lost and without Christ. In Romans 3:23, Paul informed, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." We read in 1 John 3:4, that, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth the law." Sin leads to death and the "wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). This is a spiritual death separating us from God. The second is a new convert. He must be fed the milk of the word (1 Peter 2:2). He is continually growing and being taught the first principals of God (Hebrews 5:12).

The Lukewarm.

A lukewarm Christian is "neither hot nor cold" (Revelation 3:15). Having stopped growing, the Lord said He would spue them out of His mouth (Revelation 3:16). These Christians were weak and needed to be spiritually uplifted (Revelation 3:17-19).

Those Fallen Away.

Those who have fallen away need to be restored. Peter tells us, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandments delivered unto them." They are like dogs returning to their vomit and like the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire (2 Peter 2:20-22). In Luke 9:62, Jesus says, "no man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Seasoned Christian.

The seasoned Christian is one who is bearing much fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty (Matthew 13:23). By his abiding in the Lord, he bears much fruit (John 15:5). The seasoned Christian is able to teach others (2 Timothy 2:2). This kind of person will be able to spot the false teachers and will always be ready to give an answer (1 Peter 3:15).

Which point on the scale fits you best? The small child, those lost, the fallen away, the lukewarm, or the seasoned Christian. Which?

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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