

# THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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## The Days of Our Lives

In Psalm 90:10, we read, *“The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.”* Simply put, the days of our lives are short, and here the Psalmist describes the days of our lives as being seventy to eighty years as a rule. However, to help us put in perspective just how short the days of our lives are, let’s examine some other passages of inspired Scripture. Beginning with, the Bible says...

### The Days of Our Lives Are Swift.

The word swift is defined as “happening quickly or promptly,” and Job describes the days of our lives as being swift when he said, *“My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle...”* (Job 7:6). Now, a weaver’s shuttle is a tool designed to neatly and compactly store a holder that carries the thread of the weft yarn while weaving a loom. It has been said that a weaver would rapidly throw his shuttle from one side to another, therefore Job used this illustration along with the illustration of a swift runner (Job 9:25) to describe just how quickly the days of our lives pass by.

### The Days of Our Lives Are Like A Shadow.

Just as a shadow is brief and fleeting, so are the days of our lives. You see, David knew just that, and while speaking to the children of Israel said, *“Our days on earth are as a shadow...”* (1Chronicles 29:15). However, not only did David compare the brevity of life to that of a shadow, but also Bildad, one of Job’s friends, described the days of our lives as being a shadow when he said, *“For we were born yesterday, and know nothing, Because our days on earth are a shadow”* (Job 8:9). Again, the days of our lives are like a shadow, which means, it is brief and fleeting.

### The Days of Our Lives Are of Few Days.

In Job 14:1-2, Job says, *“Man who is born of woman is of few days and*

*full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue.”* Here, Job describes the frailty and feebleness of man, and he reminds us of the fact that man’s days are short. Once more, few are the days of our physical lives on this earth; therefore may none of us take any of our few days on this earth for granted.

### The Days of Our Lives Are Like Grass Which Withers.

David declared, *“As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more”* (Psalm 103:15-16). The apostle Peter, quoting the prophet Isaiah wrote, *“All flesh is as grass, and all glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, But the word of the Lord endures forever”* (1 Peter 1:24-25). My friend, just as the grass withers and the flower fades away, so will the days of our lives.

### The Days of Our Lives Are Like A Shepherd’s Tent.

In Isaiah 38, we read about the days when Hezekiah, the king of Judah, was sick and near death. However, the Lord lengthened the days of Hezekiah, and then while writing after recovering from his sickness, Hezekiah said, *“My life span is gone, Taken from me like a shepherd’s tent...”* (Isaiah 38:12). The point is, just as a shepherd’s tent is easily and speedily removed, so are the days of our lives. Therefore, the days of our lives will be speedily removed.

### The Days of Our Lives Are But For A Moment.

Paul, in writing to the saints in Corinth penned, *“Therefore we do not lose heart, Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory...”* (2 Corinthians 4:16-17). Notice the apostle Paul informed that the light affliction which we encounter while in the flesh is but for a moment. Knowing that, let’s all hang in there, and not lose heart, remembering that the light affliction which we encounter during our physical lives on this earth is but for a moment.

### The Days of Our Lives Are But A Vapor.

James asked, *“For what is your life?”* He then goes on to say, *“It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away”* (James 4:14). You see, the days of our lives are like a vapor, that is, they will be for a little time, and then they will quickly vanish away.

Once again, the days of our lives are brief. Therefore, do not take for granted your time on this earth, and be sure to be properly prepared for your appointment with physical death (Hebrews 9:27).

✍️ Brad Phillips

## You Ought To Be A Teacher

### Warning Against Falling Away - Hebrews 5:11-14

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. 12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

### WHAT PREVENTS FALLING AWAY?

Spiritual growth is the answer to that question. 1Pet.2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation - 2Pet.3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! 2Pet. 1:5 add to your faith... We can't be like those to whom the Hebrew writer had written. They needed to be placed back in preschool.

### QUOTING MY PARENTS

"You're old enough to know better." Or "Act your age!" Have you ever heard that famous, favorite line of parents? You know what, I never replied, "NO, I'm not old enough to know better." Why? Because I knew what they said was true. All I could do was put my head down in shame and admit that they were right AGAIN!

Now, go back and re-read the 4 verses at the top of this article. Do I hear someone say, "I don't want to"? Why don't you want to? Does it smack YOU right in the face? Which way are you "shaking your head"? A few could say, "No, it doesn't bother me for I am a teacher of God's word." Good for you! Keep it up.

### IS THERE A LONG LIST OF TEACHERS?

Does the church at Belleville have a list of teachers chomping at the bit to teach? Do we have men asking "Can I teach the adult class next trimester? Or "It's been over a year since I last taught, is there any chance...?"

What's the reason for this lack of teachers, not only adult classes, but all classes? Does no one study outside of "getting my lesson for class"? Out of 168 hours in the week how long does that take? How many have religious libraries? Are we more interested in the elections, sports, economy, our jobs, recreation than our spiritual knowledge?

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD YOUR JOB?

Have you had your job for a year or 10 years or more? What if you weren't able to train someone how to do your job what would your boss say? Didn't you have to memorize different facets of your job?

How long have you been a Christian? Are you able to tell someone the wonderful words of life? Are you able to teach other Christians? Is Paul writing to you when he says, "by this time you ought to be teachers" - Heb.5:12?

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PHYSICAL BODY?

When you don't exercise your body it deteriorates and grows lazy, listless, and lethargic. What happens to you spiritually when you don't eat right (Mt.5:6 - hunger and thirst) and when you don't exercise (Heb.5:14 - have their senses exercised)? What would happen in school if all you did was show up for class? Are we "giving all diligence" - 2Tim.2:15?

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### Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study .....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship .....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship .....	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00 p.m.

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