

The Top 10 Things That Happen  
When A Follower of Jesus Realizes  
How Limited His Time Is

Ephesians 5:15-18

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<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,  
<sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.  
<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

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17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 1 Peter 1:17 (NKJV)

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# 1. You will be humbled by the truth of your own mortality.

*<sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
<sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.  
<sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to  
everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
<sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments. Psalm 103:15-18*

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2. Your affections for the things of this world will fade.

*<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.*

1 Peter 2:9-11

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*<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

*1 John 2:15-17*

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### 3. You will hurry toward repentance.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:14-15

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4. You will be more moderate in temporary pleasures.

*<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.*

1 Timothy 6:6-8

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## 5. Your perspective will be more eternal.

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

*<sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4*

*<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, Philippians 3:20*

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## 6. You will give away more of your money and possessions.

<sup>19</sup> “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:19-20

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*You can't take it with you.  
But you can send it on ahead.*

- Randy Alcorn

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7. You will pray more. (And so you will accomplish more of eternal value in the time you have).

*Pray without ceasing* 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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*I have so much to do that I shall spend the first  
three hours in prayer.*

*- Martin Luther*

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## 8. You will prioritize better.

*<sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.     John 17:4*

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## 9. You will more promptly do what you should.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. James 4:17

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10. You will seek power from God.

*...be filled with the Spirit,* Ephesians 5:18

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