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*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105*



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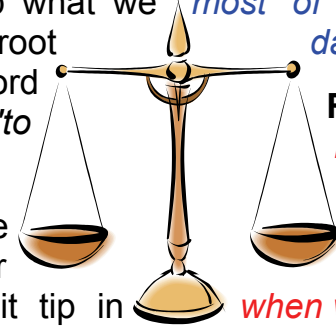
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## The Value of our Days

**Ps 90:12,** *"So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom."* Numbering our days is not about counting off the days we've lived or adding up what we think we have left. The root meaning of the word 'number' is "to weigh" or "to measure."

days, we will try to spend them profitably. **Eph 5:15-16,** *"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil."*



We are to place each day on the scale or the balance and make it tip in such a way that it will bring glory to God and blessing to the lives of others. We should treasure each hour as a gift of great value and use it to the best advantage.

**Rom 13:11,** *"And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed."*

Not much would be accomplished if we just counted the days. Instead we should be looking to make our days count!

If we realize the value of our

— Shane Williams

## Distorted Vision

Most people like to keep up with what's going on around them: The latest news in the world, the latest local headlines, current trends, etc. More important than this, however, is that we need to be knowledgeable with spiritual guidelines for our daily lives. If we are not careful, we can find ourselves struggling between our conviction and our culture.

One temptation we face as Christians is to adapt our views to our culture. If we give in to this tendency, however, we find ourselves compromising what we know is right. We would find ways to justify immoral behavior that society finds acceptable. We would say that we still believe in the Bible, but we might reinterpret its clear meaning on moral and spiritual issues and try to make it say what we want it to say.

Exodus 32 describes how the Israelites allowed their sinful desires to blur their spiritual vision.

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Moses was delayed and they wanted a god. They had previously been around a lot of pagan worship. Aaron built a golden calf and they had their own feast & worship service. This, of course, angered both Moses and the Lord, and resulted in severe judgment (3,000 were killed).

One major problem in all of this is they didn't take God at His word. When God said, *"You shall have no other gods before Me"* (Ex. 20:3), He actually meant what He said. Instead they acted on what they had seen around them and what they wanted. It was a "great sin" in the sight of God (Ex. 32:31).

If we don't take God's Word seriously, our spiritual vision becomes distorted and we will disobey Him. Let us be resolved to listen to the Lord, trust in Him and His way, and strive to follow to the best of our ability.

— Shane Williams

## ***"Your Word is Settled in Heaven"***

Each year politicians debate issues dealing with the nation's social and political problems. Inevitably, throughout the year, more and more laws are passed. It is amazing to comprehend the growing stack of laws that we have. It's sometimes hard to understand why we need to add and change laws so often.

Our government's system of law contrasts greatly with God's system. Although the Bible records many regulations that no longer apply to us, it also sets forth universal truths that never change.

The Psalmist said in **Psalm 119:89**, *"Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven."*

Everything God wants us to know and how He wants us to conduct ourselves has been clearly spelled out for us. God's truth must not be amended, voted on, or vetoed. It is quite a mockery of God's word when man sets himself up to vote "yea" or "nay" on what they will practice because our society may

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want to do something different.

The Bible not only provides principles that stand forever, but it also gives delight (vs. 92), life (vs. 93), and protection (vs. 94-95) to those who read and obey it.

Lawmakers may be doing "good" work in some ways but they can never give us anything near as valuable as God's Word. We can do nothing better than to live by His Word that's been settled in heaven! You can trust God's unchanging Word no matter how much men's laws change.

— Shane Williams

## **God's Plan for Saving Man**

- ⇒ **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ **Believe** the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ **Repent** of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ **Confess Faith** in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ **Be Baptized** in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ **Be Faithful** until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)