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Your Days are Like Pearls – Treasure Them in 2010

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A particular scripture has intrigued me for years. It is, "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom" (Psalms 90:12 KJV MOD.).



My question is, "How do I number my days?"

I think it is fair to deduce by biblical reasoning that only God knows the beginning and ending of each of our lives. I do not mean that He controls our every step and action, and like floundering marionettes we have no freedom to choose.

But rather God who is "omniscient," or all knowing, is outside the confines of time (past, present and future) and can therefore see the decisions we will make down to the very last day, hour, and microsecond of our lifespan.

DON'T BE LURED WITH TRIFLES
Some people attempt to find out their life span by going to a fortune teller. Just think if the information received is wrong then one will plan his or her life according to an untruth! Deuteronomy 18 gives a strong warning against this activity (Deuteronomy 18:9-14).

Shakespeare describes it: "Often times the instruments of darkness tell us truths, lure us with honest trifles, to betray us in deepest consequences."
If God's Holy Spirit has something to say to you, He can tell you in a dream, in Scripture, or in prayer. He has given me guidance in these, and other ways, throughout my adult life.

TAKE A LESSON FROM SOLOMON
When King David died, Solomon his son became the King of Israel. Solomon sought the Lord for guidance for his life

as a king. As a result, God spoke to him in the night and said, "Ask what I shall give you."

Solomon responded with, "Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this Your people, that is so great?"

"And God said to Solomon, because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of your enemies, neither have asked long life ... Wisdom and knowledge is granted to you; and I will give you riches, and wealth, and honor ..." (II Chronicles 1: 7-13 KJV MOD.).

Because of Solomon's thoughtful response, God gave what he asked for – plus so much more!

One of the ways you can gain the wisdom and knowledge of Solomon is to read and study his writings found in the 31 chapters of "The Book of Proverbs." If you are looking for a New Year's resolution, this is a good one for you and perhaps your family.

Later you could read another book attributed to Solomon: *The Song of Songs*, (The Mystery of Intimacy with Christ – Watchman Nee, CLC Publications, 1965).

NUMBERING OUR DAYS

In 1969 my Dad, William Reed, wrote a tender poem called "My Days Are Numbered."

My days are numbered,
Like leaves on a tree,
Each day that passes
Is gone from me.

When the sharp winds blow,
More than one leaf drops to earth,
In the setting sun,
No one notices its worth.

The barren tree greets dimming eyes,
And a few leaves cry –
For they are like our days
Before we too wither and die.

For our days are numbered.
This I know
And each day that passes,
Draws closer and to me does show.

There are very few days left
They are like pearls to me,
Are like the last fallen leaf
From a beautiful barren tree.

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NUMBERING YOUR DAYS, CAN BE:

- Value your life and treasure it
- Do not waste your valuable gift of days
- Learn all you can on your trip
- Practice God's loving presence
- Help others along your pathway
- Spend time with God each day
- Read books of wisdom, especially His Book
- Pass on the pearls you have discovered
- Rejoice, this life is not all there is ...

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

(Psalm 23 continues next time.)

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