

Living For Christ at the Crossroads of Life

“Regarding Eternity”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Philippians 1:19-24

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Introduction

In Cairo, Egypt, there is a graveyard for American missionaries. Among the grave markers is a sun-scorched tombstone that reads,

“William Borden, 1887–1913.”

Randy Alcorn, who visited that cemetery, describes Borden as one who lived with an eternal mindset:

*Borden, a Yale graduate and heir to great wealth, rejected a life of ease in order to bring the gospel to Muslims. Refusing even to buy himself a car, Borden gave away hundreds of thousands of dollars to missions. After only four months of zealous ministry in Egypt, he contracted spinal meningitis and died at age twenty-five. On the grave marker are some notes describing his love and sacrifices for the kingdom of God and for Muslim people ending with this inscription: **“Apart from faith in Christ, there is no explanation for such a life.”***

Borden was a man who lived with an eternal perspective. A perspective that doesn’t make sense to a world that is driven by temporal goals, successes, and comforts.

Jesus emphasized such a life in His teaching. The urgency of laying up treasures in heaven was a major theme of His preaching. His parables call those who have ears to hear to pursue a life where at the end of it all you hear from the One who matters, these words, **“Well done, good and faithful servant”** (Matt. 25:21, 23). We can’t escape the message of the Scripture that we are called to invest wisely in the life that God has given, and this investment requires living for another world.

In our final message in this series, *Living for Christ at the Crossroads of Life*, we will consider the call to live with an eternal mindset.

~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Philippians 1:19-24

I. For Everything There is a S_____.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

II. He Has Placed E_____ in Our Hearts.
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-11)

III. For Me to Live is Christ and to Die
is M_____ C_____. (Philippians 1:19-24)

Conclusion

“Whatever good thing you do for Him, if done according to the Word, is laid up for you as treasure in chests and coffers, to be brought out to be rewarded before both men and angels, to your eternal comfort.”

~John Bunyan, *Pilgrim’s Progress*

*“I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all.
But whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.”*

~Martin Luther