

Similarities

- Cookies in the oven
 - Football Game
 - The Birth of a Child
 - Our Life
 - Perfectly cooked
 - A win
 - Prepared to Succeed
 - Eternal Life
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- Something Important to be accomplished
 - Every moment must be used properly
 - They will all come to an end
 - To end well, we work toward a goal

Make me Know my End

- *LORD, **make me to know my end**, and what is **the measure of my days**, that I may **know how frail I am**. 5 Indeed, You have **made my days as handbreadths**, and my age is as nothing before You; certainly **every man at his best state is but vapor**. 6 Surely **every man walks about like a shadow**; surely they busy themselves in vain; he heaps up riches, and does not know who will gather them. 7 And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You Ps. 39:4-7*
- At the end of each year...A time to reflect/consider

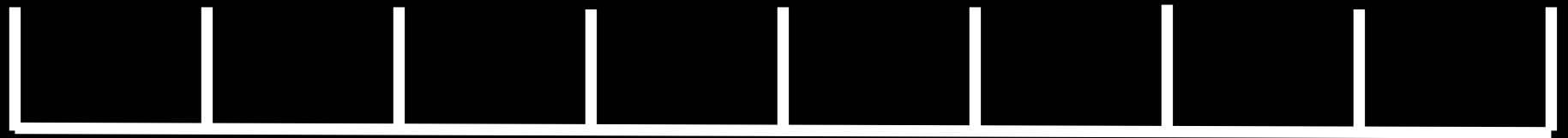
- God wants us to be able to see the end, plan for the end and be able to look back to the success of living a godly life to hear “*well done good and faithful servant.*”
 - Have to make plans.
 - Break up our lives into years and set goals.
 - We have a race to win. A course to finish.
 - To Get there ... I have to learn:
 - to know my end,
 - the measure of my days,
 - how frail I am.
- A Journey with a beginning and an end.



A Truth to Accept to be Wise

We finish our years like a sigh. 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. 11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. 12 So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Ps 90:10-12

The Days of Our Lives



10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80

**teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom**

Seventy or by reason of strength Eighty



One of these hours is ours



Always Knowing the Time

- Scoreboard
- Cooking Timer
- Birthday
- Hourglass
- Mileposts
- Being aware of time

• *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**. 12 **The night is far spent, the day is at hand**. Therefore let us **cast off the works of darkness**, and let us **put on the armor of light**. Rom 13:11-14*

High Time to Wake Up



Be Transformed – Prove what is Pleasing

- It is important to carefully consider how we spent this year.
 - We can assess if we reached the goals we set
 - Repent of those things we failed do to
 - Begin to consider what we need to do next year.
 - God has some very important wisdom and advice for his people and this is one of the best times in the year consider it.

Teach us to Number our Days

A time to be born and a time to die. Ecc 3:1-2

Brought nothing in and certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Tim 6:7

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there." Job 1:21

Appointed unto man once to die after this the judgment. Heb 9:27

Gaining a Heart of Wisdom

As This Year Passed – So will our Lives



Teach us to Number our Days

*let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and run with endurance the race that is set before us,
Heb 12:1*

Gaining a Heart of Wisdom

*Appointed unto man once to die
after this the judgment. Heb. 9:27*

*but one thing I do: forgetting what lies
behind and reaching forward to what lies
ahead, I press on to the goal Phil 3:13-14*

*let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which
so easily ensnares us, and run with endurance
the race that is set before us, Heb 12:1*

Jesus Expects A Sense of Urgency

- *Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Lk 12:35-37*
- We must do all that we can to keep ourselves feeling and working in this way.
- Another year has passed!!!
- Lived well Squandered?

Another Year Gone ... A New Year...

- Before we leave this year need to assess
- Are all sins repented and removed?
- *When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. 27 Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. 28 Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Ezek 18:25-29*

Final Reflections To Carry Away

- *For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1Tim. 6:7*
- *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, Heb. 9:27*
- *For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; Eccl. 3:1-2*
- *Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 2Pet. 3:11-12*

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- *2 Better to go to the house of mourning Than to go to the house of feasting, For that is the end of all men; And the living will take it to heart. Eccl 7:1-2*
- Richard Holt ended last year with a cancer that took his life on January 25th
- Due to Covid few of us could go. He is a wonderful example.

First Aired 1960 – 61 years ago



MAGIC Etch-A-Sketch SCREEN



Turn it over --- One Shake --
blank screen – they're gone

All Characters except Opie all passed from this earth.
So teach us to number our days – a heart of wisdom!



Our Hopes for 2022



The Reality of 2021



As the Life of a Flower (570)

- *As the life of a flower, As a breath or a sigh*
- *So the years that we live As a dream hasten by*
- *True today we are here, But tomorrow may see,*
- *Just a grave in the vale, and a memory of me.*

- *As the life of a flower*
- *As a breath or a sigh*
- *So the years glide away*
- *And alas we must die*



Taking An Inventory

Bible Reading

Prayer

Sins of Ignorance

Sins of Commission

Sins of Omission

*II Pet 1 – faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control,
Perseverance, godliness brotherly kindness, love.*

Putting off and Putting on... Eph/Col

Areas of Concern