Life Through The Lens of Eternity

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INTRODUCTION

- But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Consider with me this morning, life through the lens of eternity. This life, your day-to-day living through the lens of eternity.
- When we grow older, our perspective on life changes. The lens through which we view things changes.

1 Do Not Be Anxious About Your Life

Matthew 6:19–21; Matthew 6:25

- Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.
- Jesus is pretty clear here. This isn't optional.
- If our citizenship is in heaven, it doesn't matter what happens here unless our citizenship in heaven is affected by it.

2 Is Not Life More Than Food and Clothing?

Matthew 6:25

- Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?
- Don't be anxious. Don't be distracted by these things that are unimportant.
- How much of your mind and your body and your time, a resource that can only be spent once, used up in these worldly things that will not matter tomorrow?
- The lens that we should all take as a very important facet of our Christianity is will this matter in eternity? If the answer is no, your worry should be not there.

3 God Provides, O You of Little Faith

Matthew 6:26–30

- Look at the birds of the air. They neither sow nor reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
- What is the backbone of Jesus saying, do not worry with these three examples? What is it? It's God provides.
- If God's going to provide for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, will he not more so give you what you need?

4 Which of You Can Add a Single Hour?

Matthew 6:27; Matthew 6:33–34

- And which of you being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

- Worry is not logical thinking. This is excessive worry. This is doubt that it will happen. That shows a lack of trust in God.
- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- That's really what an eternal lens does for us, isn't it? It sorts out what is important and what isn't.

5 Things That Are Passing Away

1 John 2:15–17; Colossians 3:1–5

- We have shifted the lens from our eternal citizenship to our temporal ones.
- And the world is passing away along with its desires. But whoever does the will of God abides forever.
- If we realize that we are souls with a body, that lens would change everything.
- Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

6 Three Practical Applications

Matthew 18:35; Matthew 6:14–15; Matthew 6:19–21

- The first one is don't worry, trust in God.
- You trust that your God knows who you are and that he will provide for you.
- So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.
- What is the application? Let things go.
- One final application this morning. Live for the soul, not the flesh.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What are you investing in? Spiritual, eternal things? Or the temporal passing away lust of the flesh.**

MY NOTES