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Embracing Eternity
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Ps 39:4-5

*"Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be.
Remind me that my days are numbered—
how fleeting my life is.*

*5 You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand.
My entire lifetime is just a moment to you;
at best, each of us is but a breath." NLT*

Ps 90:12

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Luke 12:13-21

Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me."¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?"¹⁵ Then he said, "Beware! Don't be greedy for what you don't have. Real life is not measured by how much we own."¹⁶ And he gave an illustration: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops.¹⁷ In fact, his barns were full to overflowing.¹⁸ So he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store everything.'¹⁹ And I'll sit back and say to myself, my friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get it all?'²¹ "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." (NLT)

Three fatal errors of a fool:

1) He lived like this life is all there is

1 Corinthians 15:19 *"And if we have hope in Christ only for this life, we are the most miserable people in the world." (NLT)*

Ecclesiastes 2:18

"I hated all the things I had worked for here on earth, because I must leave them to someone who will live after me." (NCV)

Matthew 6:19-21 *"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths and get rusty, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth-eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."* (NLT)

2) He lived like there would always be more time

James 4:14 *"How do you know what will happen tomorrow? For your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone."* (NLT)

3) He didn't live this life in light of the life to come

2 Corinthians 4:17-5:1 "For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever. For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down — when we die and leave these bodies — we will have a home in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands." (NLT)

1 Corinthians 2:9 *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."* (NLT)