

ORDER YOUR LIFE—First Things First By Pastor Robby Bradford

(Job 7:6) My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and **they come to an end** without hope. Remember, O God, that my life is but **a breath**.

(Job 9:25) My days are **swifter** than a runner; they fly away without a glimpse of joy.

(Psalm 39:4-5 NLT) LORD, remind me how **brief** my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are **numbered**, and that my life is fleeing away. My life is **no longer than the width of my hand**. An entire lifetime is just a moment to you; **human existence is but a breath**.

BIG IDEA: What goes first in your life determines everything else.

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ORDERING FIRST...

- First determines CAPACITY
- First communicates PRIORITY
- First IMPACTS the rest

Your Days Are Numbered

(Psalm 90:12) Teach us to **number** our days aright, that we may gain a heart of **wisdom**.

How do I see significant change in the coming year?

- ✓ Put first things first.
- ✓ Give focus and energy to the things that really matter.
- ✓ Do it now.

First Things First

1. Turn when into now.

(2 Corinthians 6:2) I tell you, **now** is the time of God's favor, **now** is the day of salvation.

2. Turn intentions into actions.

- ✓ Focus on action.

(James 4:17) Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do **and doesn't do it**, sins.

- ✓ Focus on power.

(1 Peter 4:7) The end of all things is near. Therefore, be **clear minded** and **self-controlled** so that you can **pray**.

- ✓ Focus on people.

(1 Peter 4:8-9) **Above all, love each other deeply**, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

- ✓ Focus on purpose.

(1 Peter 4:10-11) Each one should use whatever **gift** he has received **to serve others**, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone **speaks**, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone **serves**, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

3. Put Jesus first in all things.

(Matthew 6:33) **Seek first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness and **all these things will be added to you** as well.