

## ORDER YOUR LIFE—First Time By Pastor Robby Bradford

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

(Luke 21:34) **Be careful**, or your **hearts will be weighed down** with carousing, drunkenness and **the anxieties of life**, and that day will close on you **suddenly** like a trap.

### TIME

(Ephesians 5:15-17) Be very **careful**, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every **opportunity**, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand** what the **Lord's will** is.

### Observations about Time

- ✓ Our most valuable asset is time.
- ✓ We cannot manage time. We can only realize opportunities.
- ✓ We cannot do everything.
- ✓ Investing small amounts of time in certain activities over a long period has cumulative value.
- ✓ Decide what is important and then manage that decision daily.

### FIRST TIME

1. Live to be renewed.

(2 Corinthians 4:16) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being **renewed day by day**.

(Mark 2:27) Then he said to them, “The **Sabbath was made for man**, not man for the Sabbath.”

2. Live for reward.

(Ecclesiastes 1:14) I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; **all of them are meaningless**, a chasing after the wind.

(1 Timothy 6:18-19) Command them to do good, to **be rich in good deeds**, and to be **generous** and **willing to share**. In this way they will lay up **treasure** for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

3. Live for relationships.

(Hebrews 10:25) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **let us encourage one another**--and **all the more** as you see the **Day** approaching.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Order first things first and give focus and energy to the things that are eternal.