

God Numbers Your Days

"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." Luke 12:6-7

The Bible teaches that you are not any more vulnerable to sickness, disease, and death at age 80 than you are at age 30. The world says that the older you get, the more prone to dying you are. But this does not account for Providence. Jesus teaches that God keeps track of each hair on your head. This means that disease, natural disasters, or an accident will not kill you; only God will do this. When He does take your life, it has no necessary relationship to age. This forms the basis for at least two things:

First, you should "love them that hate you and do good to them that despitefully use you." Others may consider you their enemy, but you have no enemies. God alone controls your destiny. He never delegates it to others.

Second, you should "in everything give thanks." This does not mean that God expects you to enjoy pain and opposition; quite the contrary. However, He does expect you to be grateful for each and every circumstance He brings into your life. You major on being His obedient slave and leave everything else in His capable hands.

Someone once said, "Live each day as though it were your last." You do not plan your life or budget your days. You do not own your life and you do not control your destiny. For this reason, you are best served living each day with the attitude, "Lord, what do you wish this worthless slave of yours to do?"