

**YOUR FINAL DAY ON EARTH**  
**The Psalm 39 Study #2**  
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***SHOW ME, O LORD,  
MY LIFE'S END  
AND THE NUMBER OF MY DAYS;  
LET ME KNOW HOW  
FLEETING IS MY LIFE.***  
Psalm 139:4

**CONSIDER THIS:** This great prayer of David's was a prayer for perspective. The person who has this perspective, combined with other biblical truth, will abound with wisdom. He/she will understand the times and circumstances of his life. He will be on the right side of history. He will be ready to stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to be rewarded. He will end up with far less regrets in this life. He will leave a legacy others can respect and point to as an example of how to live. He will have truly given priority to the things that matter most.

**REVIEW:** These are the 9 things that should matter most on my (your) final day on Earth:

1. Pray (praise, thanksgiving, intercession)
2. Search and meditate on God's Word
3. Confess my sins
4. Express my love to family and friends
5. Address broken/strained relationships
6. Share the gospel
7. Serve
8. Give
9. Leave final words of encouragement, instruction, legacy

**I PRAY**

- A) **Praise:** to extol the excellencies of God (Psalm 63:1-8). I am glad to know my God is awesome!
- B) **Thanksgiving:** to recognize the blessings is to be aligned with the One from Whom all blessings flow. Being thankful does more for me than it does for Him!
- C) **Intercession:** this helps you take your eyes off of yourself and it is one of the kindest things you could ever do for someone else. Your prayer this day might be the difference maker (see Acts 12:1-7). To be used by God to make a difference in someone's life, what could be better?

## II BE IN THE WORD

On my final day on Earth, I would intently search God's Word and meditate on it because:

- A) It tells me what awaits (II Timothy 4:8; Revelation 22:1-5).
- B) It gives assurance (I John 5:13; Psalm 116:15).
- C) It takes away my fear (John 14:1-6, 27).

Even though Paul had huge portions of Scripture memorized, look at what he wanted most as his final day on Earth approached =  
II Timothy 4:13

## III CONFESS MY SINS

- A) To "confess" translates a Greek term (homologeō) which means "to say the same". Confession of sin is to say the same thing about sin that God says about it = it is wrong, a violation of God's righteous standard (see I John 1:9). Sin always hinders fellowship with God.
- B) The sin I confess on my **final day on Earth** is not to secure my relationship with the Lord. His Holy Spirit has secured me (Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:6). But confession renews close fellowship. It is an essential part of ending well. I don't want to limp across the finish line, I want to blast through it!

## IV THINK ABOUT THIS AND APPLY IT

If these are the things that would matter most to me on my final day,  
then they should be what matter most **TODAY**.

Have I prayed with praise, thanksgiving and intercession?

Have I spent time in God's Word?

Is there something I need to confess today?

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**TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS ARIGHT,  
THAT WE MAY GAIN A HEART OF WISDOM.**

Psalm 90:12