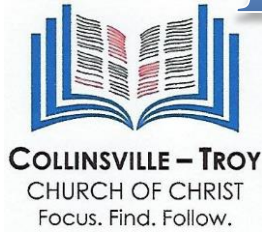


# The Correspondent



**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM  
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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## Life Is Too Short

**-Bill Brandstatter**

**I**n 2022, there were a lot of celebrities who died. The number seemed greater than in previous years. The ages range from the young to those in their nineties. However old they were, life is still short. The Biblical teaching is that the importance of life is not so much the quantity of years as it is the quality. The Psalmist wrote, "We spend our lives as a tale that is told" (Psa. 90:9 KJV). What kind of tale is your life telling? In thinking about the quality of our lives, emphasis is placed on making the most of the time we have.

We should pay attention and make the most of our lives on earth. The Psalmist wrote, "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psa. 90:12 (NKJV)). This is a similar thought Paul expressed when he wrote, "...redeeming the time because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).

We should make the most of our lives because we don't have long here compared to eternity. Peter described our lives as grass that eventually withers and falls away (1 Pet. 1:24). In the Bible life is compared to: a sigh (Ps. 90:9), sleep (Ps. 90:5), a shadow (Eccl. 6:12), a moment (2 Co. 4:17), and a weaver's shuttle (Job 7:6).

How are we spending our lives? Do we pay more attention to the physical comforts of life than we do the spiritual? Jesus said, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15). Let us be more diligent in our spiritual lives in case death comes too early for us and our lives end too soon.

*Ephesians 5:15-17*

- <sup>15</sup> *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,*  
<sup>16</sup> *making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.*  
<sup>17</sup> *Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

### CONNECTIONS

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