

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN



"Investors advise their clients not to worry about the daily ups and downs of the stock market — what matters is the long view. Does life present incredible challenges today? Are your reserves at a low, or are you enjoying a content plateau? Regardless of today's events, take the long view. Remember that God remains in charge of your days and will faithfully develop His character in you."

— Charles Swindoll

"Remember, joy springs from a life lived with eternity's values in view. As you make God's perspective your priority, unmatched joy is sure to follow."

— *A Reason to Smile*

"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."

— A. W. Tozer

DIGGING DEEPER...

1. How many times do some expect to be incarnated (live) and then die again? How does Hebrews 9:27 “*And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...*” fly in the face of some popular beliefs?
2. In Luke 12:1-21 Jesus gave a parable. What problem is the man faced with? How does the man plan to respond to his problem? What one thing does he overlook?
3. The author stated, Frankly the capacity of our brains cannot handle the wonder and greatness of heaven” {p.38}. He suggested that it is impossible to describe eternity. He stated that we do have glimpses of eternity. Revelation 21:1-6 gives us a glimpse of eternity. Select one thing from this passage and write about it that lifts your spirit about what is to come in eternity.
4. How does Daniel 12:2 confirm the author’s words that death will not be the end of your life, “*And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS...

1. Have you observed someone transformed by his decision to follow Christ? What kinds of changes in values have you observed?
2. If a person were living with an eternal perspective, how would you expect him to conduct himself or herself? What changes would you expect to take place?
3. The author suggested that the only time that some think about death is a funeral. Why might this be an ineffective time in getting a person to think clearly about eternity? However in your opinion, why are people open to thinking about eternity on such an occasion?
4. Since I was made to last forever, what is the one thing I should stop doing and the one thing I should start doing today? {p. 40}
5. If everyone understood that life on earth is really preparation for eternity, how would we act differently? {p. 320}