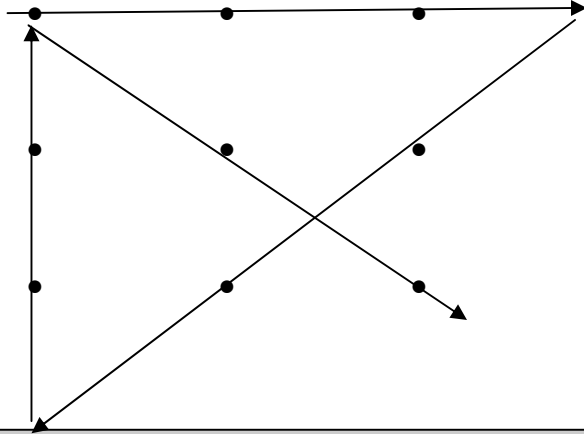


The Challenge of Eternity

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Memory Verse

Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth. (Colossians 3:2 NLT)

Live in such a way that God's love can bless you as you wait for the eternal life that our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy is going to give you. (Jude 1:21 NLT)

Living With An Eternal Perspective

Recognize that I am created for eternity.

So God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27 NLT)

God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11 NLT)

LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away. (Psalm 39:4 NLT) Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12 NIV)



Secure _____ my eternity with God _____.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NLT)

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. (2 Corinthians 5:1 NIV)

"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them away from me." (John 10:28 NLT)



Invest _____ my life in eternal pursuits _____.

Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

"The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'" (Matthew 25:21 NLT)

For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in our bodies. (2 Corinthians 5:10 NLT)

All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. (1 Corinthians 9:25 NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...

- Secure my eternity with God, committing to be a follower of Jesus Christ. *(Admit: I'm a sinner. Accept: Jesus died for my sins. Ask: God forgive me. Allow: God to be Lord.)*
- Memorize Colossians 3:2.
- Pray that God will help me fully realize that He forgives me and accepts me fully.
- Schedule a meeting with Pastor Mike and begin using my gifts for God's glory.

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