

Daily Devotion For April 27, 2023

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10

I was reading a statistic the other day that said that each day 332 people die in the United States or almost 8,000 people each day. Hebrews 9:27 says, "For it is appointed unto men to die once and then comes the judgement." I wonder how many people would have lived their lives differently if they knew their time on earth was limited.

The 1st century disciples asked Jesus, **"What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"** (Matthew 24:3). In the midst of his teaching, Jesus replied, **"Keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come"** (Matthew 24:42). In a way, Jesus urges his followers to "seize the day" because no one knows when he will return. But we do know that each of us will come face-to-face with Jesus and give an account of how we have lived for him. Each of us in large measure determines how that encounter will go. Jesus wants us to be ready no matter when he returns because we must all appear before him to give an account of our lives.

Thought For Today: Reflect upon the question, "Am I ready?" How would I live my life differently if I knew that I had a day, a month, a year left to live?

Today's prayer focus: Pray that God will help you to live each day for him. Continue to pray for those who are sick and in need of God's strengthening touch. Remember those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Deo Volente.