



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

Perhaps no Scripture declares this truth as clearly and bluntly as does James 4:14 when we read, "You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." We dare not miss the sobering truth of God's Word. James tells us that life is a "mist." Literally, life is compared to that of a vapor or a puff of smoke. In other words, our lives are as fleeting and fading as the wisp smoke that rises from a fire and then vanishes, or the steam that wafts up from a hot cup of coffee and then instantly evaporates, or a person's breath that is briefly visible on a cold day and then is gone.

Since our days are so incredibly short, and none of us know how long we will live, **we are exhorted to live every moment of every day for the explicit purpose of pleasing and glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.** As this poem so superbly states "only what's done for Christ will last":

*Two little lines I heard one day, Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Only one life, yes only one, Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in "that day" my Lord to meet, And stand before His Judgment seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Only one life, the still small voice, Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave, And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes and fears;
Each with its days I must fulfill, living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*When this bright world would tempt me sore, When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way, Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Give me Father, a purpose deep, In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true whate'er the strife, Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Oh let my love with fervor burn, And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone, Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

*Only one life, yes only one, Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call, I know I'll say "'twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.*

(Poem attributed to C.T. Studd)

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David

Scripture Readings for the week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #31):

Leviticus 22-24; 2 Kings 21-25; Psalm 90-92; Proverbs 14-15; Ezekiel 43-48; John 1-2; 1 Thess. 4-5

Recommended Reading:

"Growing Your Faith" by Jerry Bridges

Calendar of
Events:

Big G Camp

July 30 – Aug 3

Mexico Mission Trip
Bake Sale

August 5

Mexico Mission Trip

August 10-19

Looking Ahead...

AWANA Returns

September 12

Men's Breakfast

September 15

Women's Breakfast

September 22

For prayer requests,
email Amy Woodruff
at prayer@sbcnb.org
or call 541-404-0547

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Growth & Study.....

Men's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm *On break for the summer*
w/Jeff Etzel

Wednesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Book of Ecclesiastes"
w/Pastor David

Thursdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Galatians ~ No Other Gospel"
w/Pastor Tim

Fridays ~

6:30-7:30am "Jesus Among Secular Gods"
w/Pastor David

Young Adults

Thursdays ~

7:00-9:00pm At Skyline
w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

Women's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm *On break for the summer*
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

Tuesdays ~

6:30-7:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

8:30am *On break for the summer*

w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

9:00am *On break for the summer*

w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

1:00-2:15pm *On break for the summer*

w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

7:00-8:15pm *On break for the summer*

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Wednesdays ~

9:00-10:30am "Romans"

Beginning September 12

w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

10:00am "Experiencing God's Peace"

w/Karla Fries (541-267-0139)

Continuing through summer

6:30-8:00pm "Jesus Among Secular Gods"

w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

Children's & Youth Ministries

Teen Mexico Mission Trip ~

August 5 – Bake Sale

August 5 – Mandatory Meeting (Quick)
In Annex. Light refreshments. Parents please
attend.

August 10 – 19

Please be in prayer while the team ministers
during these dates.

Youth Group ~

High School youth group ~ *On break for the summer*

Junior High youth group ~ *On break for the summer*