

Dan's Devotion: LIFE IS SHORT

As of yesterday, my age stops. I will now be 39 for the next 20 or so years. How in the world did I get to be 39 already? It has now been 20 years since I graduated from high school. That's crazy. And the strange thing is that I don't look any different than the day I graduated from high school. Well, except for the massive loss of hair, the 30+ pounds I've gained and the wrinkles here and there, but all of those things are barely noticeable, right?

So, what can I do in this time of feeling old? Turn to the Bible of course. Genesis 5:27 says, "*Altogether, Methusaleh lived 969 years, and then he died.*" He was 969 years old!!! Talk about older than dirt. I'm only about 1/25th the age that Methusaleh was. Did you know that Noah had kids after he was 500 years old? It's true. Genesis 5:32 says, "*After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japeth.* Wow!

They lived a long time back then. But in the big picture of eternity their lives on this earth were just a blip on the radar screen. And our lives are even briefer, so we really need to do our best to make our lives worth while. Look at what James says, "*What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.*" (4:14)

I want to remind everyone to think big picture. It is easy to get caught up in the little details of life that really aren't that important. In the big picture is it really worth being bitter about that situation? In the big picture is it really worth not forgiving that person? In the big picture should you be so scared about talking to that person about Christ? Our lifetimes are short. Let's strive to make the best use of our time for God.

At the end of my life, I will feel that my life has been successful if I can make the claim that Paul made towards the end of his life when he said this: "*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness...*" 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Keep on Fighting,

Dan

P.S.- I still feel young on the inside and that's all that matters right?