

One and Done

Introduction

1. **There are some things in life that we only get the opportunity to do once. We do not ever get another chance.**
 - A. **As a result, we should strive to make sure that we get it right.**

We Will Only Live Once

James 4:14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? **It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.** Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

2 Peter 3:9-13

1. **We must live righteously.**
 - A. **How do we live right?**
 - 1) **By the Word of God**

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

- 2) **By Faith**

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

3) Striving to elevate our lives above sin.

Romans 6:1-2 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

4) By being led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:12-14 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

5) Live for Christ in all that we do.

2 Corinthians 5:15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, **teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,**

We Will Only Die Once

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

1. How can we be prepared to die?

A. By being obedient to the teaching of God.

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Hebrews 5:8-9 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, **He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,**

John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

B. By living faithfully.

Matthew 10:22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. **But he who endures to the end will be saved.**

Revelation 2:10 **Be faithful until death,** and I will give you the crown of life.

C. When we die, make sure that we die in the Lord.

Revelation 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, **"that they may rest from their labors,** and their works follow them."

- **When it comes time to die – make sure that all you need to do is die.**

We Only Raise Our Children Once

Psalms 127:3-5 Behold, **children are a heritage from the Lord**, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Proverbs 22:6 **Train up a child in the way he should go**, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

1. How are we supposed to raise our children?

A. In the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:1-4

B. Teach them properly.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

C. Train them to live an exemplary life.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

D. Discipline them

- 1) If we love our children, then we will discipline them.**
Hebrews 12:4-11

Proverbs 19:18 Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.

Proverbs 22:15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.

- a) **Establish a standard.**
- b) **Enforce the standard consistently**
- c) **Punish every deviation**

2. Unfortunately, many parents fail when it comes discipline.

- A. When that happens, children will not follow the path of righteousness and parents will live with a heavy heart.**

We Will Only Be Judged Once

1. We need to be prepared for the judgment at all times!

A. There will be a judgment day.

Acts 17:30-31

Matthew 25:33-34, 41

Romans 2:16 in the day when **God will judge the secrets of men** by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

B. All men will be judged. There will be no escaping the judgment!

2 Corinthians 5:10 For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Revelation 20:12-15

C. The judgment will be according to the Word of God and our works based on the Word.

John 12:47-48 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--**the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**

Romans 2:6-11

- 1) **We will either hear "well done" or "depart."**
- 2) **There is no appeal, and the sentence that everyone of us receives will be eternal – Heaven or Hell.**

Conclusion

Hebrews 2:1-4

2 Peter 1:12-15

- 1. We only live one time and we will die one time. In life, we only get the opportunity to raise our children in the Lord once. Finally, we will receive our one and only judgment by Jesus Christ.**
 - A. Can we say that we are ready for death and the judgment day to come?**

