



Resolution: A decision to do or not do something.

It's Based on our will power... & personal strength... internal strength

Revolution: To forcibly/intentionally overthrow the authority that controls our lives.

- A revolution in our life requires new **leadership** for our life.
- The more **control** we give to God the greater the revolution we will experience from God.

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:24-25 (NLT)

- New leadership in our lives changes the **purpose** and **hope** in our lives.

It's in **Christ** that we **find out who we are** and **what we are living for...** Ephesians 1:11-12 (Msg)

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. Titus 2:11-13 (NLT)

- A revolution in our lives gives us an **eternal** perspective for our lives.

God has made everything beautiful for its own time. **He has planted eternity in the human heart...**

Ecclesiastes 3:11

But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our city in heaven, which is yet to come.

Hebrews 13:14

...set your sights on the rich treasures and joys of heaven where he sits beside God in the place of honor and power. **Let heaven fill your thoughts;** don't spend your time worrying about things down here. You should have as little desire for this world as a dead person does. Your real life is in heaven with Christ and God.

Colossians 3:1-3 (TLB)

When heaven fills my thoughts:

- It establishes the **purpose** of my life.
- It changes the **passions** of my life.
- It sets the **priorities** of my life.

We know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven—God-made, not handmade —and we'll never have to relocate our "tents" again. Sometimes we can hardly wait to move—and so we cry out in frustration. Compared to what's coming, living conditions around here seem like a stopover in an unfurnished shack, and we're tired of it! We've been given a glimpse of the real thing, our true home, our resurrection bodies! The Spirit of God whets our appetite by giving us a taste of what's ahead. He puts a little of heaven in our hearts so that we'll never settle for less. That's why we live with such good cheer. You won't see us drooping our heads or dragging our feet! Cramped conditions here don't get us down. They only remind us of the spacious living conditions ahead. It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going. Do you suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us? When the time comes, we'll be plenty ready to exchange exile for homecoming.

But neither exile nor homecoming is the main thing. Cheerfully pleasing God is the main thing, and that's what we aim to do, regardless of our conditions. Sooner or later we'll all face God, regardless of our conditions. We will appear before Christ and take what's coming to us as a result of our actions, either good or bad. ... That's why we work urgently with everyone we meet to get them ready to face God.

1 Corinthians 5:1-11

- One of my greatest priorities in this life is the **eternity** of my life.

"And how does a man benefit if he gains the whole world and loses his soul in the process? Mark 8:36 (Msg)

We know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven... 1 Corinthians 5:1

- Another great priority in my life is **pleasing** God.

But neither exile nor homecoming is the main thing. Cheerfully pleasing God is the main thing, and that's what we aim to do, regardless of our conditions. 1 Corinthians 5:9-10

- Another great priority in my life is the **eternal impact** of my life.

That's why we work urgently with everyone we meet to get them ready to face God.

1 Corinthians 5:11

... 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

Acts 13:47 (NRSV)

We'll never be satisfied making a **dollar** when our purpose is to make a **difference**.

Action Steps of Living for Eternity

- Refocus our **energies**.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. (Matthew 6:19-20)

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18

- Reach **people**.

Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them. Jude 1:22-23

- Renew your **relationship** with God.

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 2 Peter 3:13-14



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Do you find that the Lordship of Jesus gives you a new purpose and hope in this life? What does that mean?
- How does the Lordship of Christ give you an eternal perspective on life?
- What does it mean to you for eternity to be one of your greatest priorities in life?
- How do we make pleasing God a priority? Would you say that this is a priority in your life?
- What does it mean to have an eternal impact in life? Is that a priority in your life?
- What are some ways we can refocus our energies in this life to be about eternity?
- How does living for eternity lead us to reach people? Is this a priority in your life?

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REVOLUTION



Living with an Eternal Perspective