



## dying well

### Setting

Dying well begins with living well. Living well is living with the confidence that I belong to God.

*Philippians 1:6* For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

*Ephesians 3:11-12* This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.

*II Corinthians 5:6-9* Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight— <sup>8</sup> we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

*I John 5:13-16* These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

<sup>16</sup> If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.

*Proverbs 14:26* In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence,  
And his children will have refuge.

God has known me since before I was born and will know me after earth for all of eternity. *Jer. 1:5*

Therefore death is necessary for us, and valuable to God. *Ps. 116:15*

It is the door to completion and joy. *Ps. 16:11, 21:6*

## The preparation for dying

Reframing the fear of the unknown *Deut. 31:8*

A time to bless, to forgive, to ask for forgiveness *Heb. 11:21, Eccl. 3:6, Matt. 6:12*

A time to realize your value to God. *Ps. 116:15*

A time to ask God for one more task. *Joshua 14:6-12, Ps. 71:9 & 18, Ps. 78:4-7*

A time to recall & reflect on all the good we have received. *Eccl. 5:18-20, 8:16*

A time to recall the good given to us. *Eccl. 12:6-7, I Chron. 16:12, Ps. 77:11-13*

A time to set your affairs in order

- Pass on what is important *I Kings 2:8-9*
- Will your money count for the kingdom of God. *Matt.6:19-21, Luke 12:20-21*

A time to grow in faith. *Eccl. 8:8, Heb. 9:27*

A time to accept life's close. *Job 2:9-11, 14:5, Eccl. 3:2*

A time to review & meditate on the promises of God.

- We will go to our father in peace *Gen. 15:15*
- We go to find fullness of joy *Ps. 16:11*
- We will wake up satisfied *Ps. 17:15*
- We will go into the Father's arms to receive our glory *Ps. 73:24*
- We will feel safe as we leave this earth *II Tim. 4:18*
- We will enter with an awareness of abundant blessing *II Peter1:11*

## How to Talk to a Dying Person

### Phase 1 – The initial revelation –

- Tell me what you are thinking.
  - Listen for emotions – reflect it, get in it with them.
  - “Oh – that hurts!” Weep with those who weep. *Job 16:20, Rom. 12:15-16*
- Tell me more – I am here.

### Phase 2 - Fight or not to fight

- It is their choice, there is no right or wrong.
- Ask, “What should I pray for next?”
- When they doubt

Tell them that it is normal. Suggest – “let’s pray for confidence”

Read *Is. 40:27-31*

*Three ways God helps us.*

*Miracles*

*Power*

*Endurance*

Phase 3 – Death is coming, they know.

Ask “How can I pray?”

“What needs to happen should you die soon?”

“How can I help?”

“May I share some of my favorite thoughts about heaven with you?”

Read Spurgeon to them “We Shall See God”

“Are you ready to meet with the Lord?”

“Is there anything you need to set right with anyone?”

“Tell me your story and when God entered the picture.”

Read Ps. 90:17