

Covenant Class

9.18.2016 – week 6



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The Last Lecture

Remember:

Death is not the main part of God's creation story. He created us to live. Jesus said; "I have come that you might have life abundantly."

Death is an enemy but it is not a conqueror. It is a mercy.

If God works all things for good, how can I cooperate with God in working my death for good?

First remember for me, it is for my final good.

Yet remember for my spouse or family it is a loss.

So, next I should think ahead for all concerned.

Consider:

The financial needs – insurance, wills, Medical Power of Attorney, no heroic resuscitation (DNR), etc.

The emotional needs

Blessings for all

Forgiveness

Gratitude – Reflecting and thanking God for all His good.

Permissions – to dispose of things, to remarry, etc.

Discuss living single

The Good Works Plan – Ephesians 2:10

Ask God for one more task

Sophocles wrote *Oedipus* when he was 90

Boris Pasternak wrote *Dr. Zhivago* at 66

Michaelangelo designed St. Peter's dome when he was 88

Agatha Christie wrote until she was 86

Frank Lloyd Wright designed the Guggenheim Museum at age 91

Ethel Barrymore received her first Academy award at 65, and appeared in 20 more films until she was 78

John Muir wrote his famous book *The Yosemite* at 74

(from *The Creative Age* by Gene Cohen)

Who needs my knowledge and wisdom? (Grandchildren, friends, etc.)

Share my thoughts about heaven and my testimony on video.

Share my desires about my funeral and my grave marker in writing.

The Spiritual Battle

Affliction by Edit Schaeffer

(see chart) – The Big Picture

The personal preparation

Meditate on the promises of God for the provision of:

His peace – Genesis 15:15, Psalm 23

His joy – Psalm 16:11

His presence – Psalm 17:15

My completion – Philippians 1:6

My glory – Psalm 73:24

My safety – II Timothy 4:18

My provisions – II Peter 1:11

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