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It has been a good practice down through the ages for the Lord's people to evaluate themselves at various times and to do so especially at the year's end. If we are to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:14), careful consideration should periodically be given to see if progress is being made. The closing of one year and the opening of another is a good time for self-examination.

In Psalm 90, Moses, the man of God, penned one of the oldest portions of Scripture. This beautiful prayer is one of the glittering gems of the royal jewels in the Psalms. Many scholars date its writing after the failure of the children of Israel to enter Canaan. The Lord brought them to Kadesh-Barnea, a key "vantage point from which to view the land." Instead of immediate obedience, the heads of the tribes chose a spy for each tribe to survey Canaan. Among them were godly Joshua, Moses' assistant, and Caleb. These two alone gave a favorable report after a forty-day reconnaissance. The other ten reiterated what they already knew: the land was dotted with fortress-like walled cities, fierce inhabitants, and even a race of giants.

Their influence caused the nation to refuse to enter and then the resultant disciplinary judgment of the Lord. They would wander aimlessly for forty years, one year for each day the spies spent in the land. Barely anything is recorded of what took place during that forty-year period. John Philips notes, "From then on, Israel marched, but without purpose. They simply moved from place to place, leaving behind them a trail of bones in desolate graves hollowed in the sand." And as they turned their backs on the perfect will of God for their families, they faced the hot blazing desolate sands of Sinai. Moses was led by the Spirit to pen these words—a prayer, a petition for the people of God down through the ages: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Ps. 90:12)

The opening verses of the Psalm emphasize the eternity, omniscience, and graciously patient provision of God, even during the disobedience and unfaithfulness of His people. He alone is our Refuge, Provider, and Protector. We are all passing slowly

away, as fragile as a freshly-bloomed flower. We spend our days as a tale that is told or as a fleeting watch in the night.

What then should be our response to these truths about the brevity of life, the difficulties of our daily tasks and responsibilities, the looming unanswered problems lying before us, and our own frailty and sinfulness?

We see here that we should number our days. The Hebrew word for "numbering" means to reckon, to account as an audit, to weigh out, to allot, to officially enumerate, to inventory. It involves a very definite consideration, a thoughtful evaluation on our part. We see that this is something that we must learn to do. "Teach us." We are to recognize that "our times are in Thy hand." (Ps. 31:15) Job 14:15 tells us, "For now You have numbered my steps." "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." (Eph. 5:15-17) This numbering involves time, our most precious commodity. "Teach us to number our days." There is a finite number of them, as we can observe on any grave marker. Someone has said, "What is time? It is the stuff life is made of. Wisely invest it, because it is a precious, limited quantity."

We see that this numbering requires careful and thoughtful attention. "That we may apply." This denotes effort. This is a matter of the heart; the soul; the seat of emotions, thinking, and personality. We are eternally spiritual beings, made in the image of God and created for fellowship with Him.

Lastly, we see that this numbering is that of wisdom. In the Hebrew people, wisdom has the connotation of "living skillfully," as a captain of a ship navigating through treacherous waters. He is asking the Lord to help us grow in wisdom and proper application of it that we may live beautiful lives, glorifying God.

O God, our Help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home!

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

O God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,

Be Thou our Guide while life shall last,
And our eternal Home.

Isaac Watts (1719)

Thank you for your prayers and support for these broadcasting ministries. By God's grace, we are beginning our forty-second year in this blessed endeavor, and could not do it without your help. God bless you.

Your servant,
Chris Lamb

LOVE WORTH FINDING WITH ADRIAN ROGERS

SUNDAY, 6:30 A.M. | MONDAY-FRIDAY, 1:00 P.M. & 11:30 P.M. | SATURDAY, 11:30 P.M.

Known for his evangelistic zeal and uncompromising commitment to the Word of God, Adrian Rogers was one of the greatest preachers, respected Bible teachers, and Christian leaders of our time. For over fifty years, he consistently presented the good news of Jesus Christ with strong conviction, compassion, and integrity. Adrian Rogers was known for his unique ability to simplify profound truth so that it could be applied to everyday life.

He was a devoted family man—husband to his childhood sweetheart, Joyce; father to four children; grandfather to nine; and great-grandfather to six. Of all his accomplishments, Dr. Rogers often said his greatest joy centered in his relationship to Jesus Christ, his wife and family, and the church he pastored.

Dr. Rogers pastored the Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee, until his retirement in 2005. Adrian Rogers was also a leader in his denomination, serving three terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

God's blessing on Dr. Rogers' ministry became even more evident with the birth of *Love Worth Finding Ministries* in 1987. The 30-minute daily radio broadcasts first aired on WGIB in 1986 along with just a handful of stations before the program was syndicated nationally. The weekly *Love Worth Finding* television program is seen on WAY-TV. Today LWF is

broadcast on over 2,500 radio stations and translators in English and Spanish. In addition to the radio and TV programs, LWF offers books, videos, CDs, and other resources produced to encourage and strengthen the listener's daily walk with Jesus Christ.

Dr. Rogers stated, "I believe God wants us to proclaim the message of salvation in the power of the Holy Spirit by every means possible. It is my heart's deepest desire that until Christ returns for His church, this ministry would continue to proclaim the truth of God's Word and His life-giving, life-altering love on broadcasts throughout the world." That commitment at *Love Worth Finding* has not changed since the Lord called Dr. Rogers home in 2005.

Dr. Rogers' messages of "Come to Jesus" are still reaching around the world and continue to be used by God to mend broken lives, save marriages, and help men and women to hear the good news of the gospel in many parts of the world through radio and television.

The *Love Worth Finding* website (lwf.org) allows listeners to hear current broadcasts they may have missed or just want to hear once more. Listeners can also find dozens of biblical resources to help develop a better understanding of God's Word and to help them mature in their walk with Christ.

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