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As we come to the close of another year, we should remind ourselves that "the sands of time are sinking." Picture an old-fashioned hour glass representing your life. For many of us, most of the sand is in the bottom half. Every second, the sands are sinking.

It is time to take inventory. I'm afraid that many Christians have bought into the American philosophy of retirement which usually means idleness and non-productivity. This is not spiritual, and it certainly is not Biblical. The psalmist teaches that "The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing." [Psalm 92:12-14]

A. W. Pink writes that "It is not in the revealed will of God that His people should spend their old age in idleness. He does not preserve them through all the dangers of youth and the trials of maturity that they should be mere cumberers of the ground."

Let me ask you: Are you earning your keep? For what has God preserved you? Just to hunt, or fish, or sew, or watch re-runs? For many, the twilight years are the golden years. Here is the opportunity to serve the Lord in this last stretch of time and instrumentality He has allowed you.

In retirement perhaps you could invest your time and talents in a ministry. Were you a physician in your career? What about offering your science background to teach in a Christian school? Maybe you could offer your years of training and give a few hours a day without pay. What a gift to a Christian day school! The possibilities are endless as to how and where you could serve in this "last quarter." You gave your best years to a company; why not simply pray "Lord, what would you have me do? Here am I, send me," and then get busy doing research about the what, where and when? The psalmist said, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me?"

The old gospel song reminds us that we should "Give every flying minute, something to keep in store. Work, for

the night is coming, when man works no more."

His Plan for Me

Martha Snell Nicholson

*When I stand at the judgment seat of Christ
And He shows me His plan for me,
The plan of my life as it might have been
Had He had His way, and I see*

*How I blocked Him here, and I checked Him there,
And I would not yield my will—
Will there be grief in my Savior's eyes,
Grief, though He loves me still?*

*He would have me rich, and I stand there poor,
Stripped of all but His grace,
While memory runs like a hunted thing
Down the paths I cannot retrace.*

*Then my desolate heart will well-nigh break
With the tears that I cannot shed;
I shall cover my face with my empty hands,
I shall bow my uncrowned head...*

*Lord of the years that are left to me,
I give them to Thy hand;
Take me and break me, mould me to
The pattern Thou hast planned!*

Thank you, dear friends, for giving sacrificially to these broadcasting ministries, and for praying that the Lord would bless His Word. We are your debtors.

Your servant,
Chris Lamb



GRACE TO YOU WITH JOHN MACARTHUR

WEEKDAYS AT 5:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WEEKDAYS AT 7:15 A.M.

PORTRAITS OF GRACE

WEEKDAYS AT 5:45 P.M.

In 1969, after graduating from Talbot Theological Seminary, John MacArthur came to Grace Community Church located in Sun Valley, California. The emphasis of his pulpit ministry was and continues to be the careful study and verse-by-verse exposition of the Bible, one passage at a time.

The launch of *Grace to You* came with little fanfare. A few months after John MacArthur arrived at this small church on the outskirts of Los Angeles, one man in the congregation immediately saw an opportunity and acted. Realizing some members were too ill to attend services, that church member began recording John's lessons. That first tape contained a message titled "How to Play Church" and was the first resource produced by what would become *Grace to You*. In 1977, seemingly by accident, a few *Grace to You* tapes found their way on the airwaves in Baltimore, Maryland, and *Grace to You* radio was born. For some, the half-hour of teaching was a supplement to their strong local church. For others, it was a lifeline. As John began writing, *Grace to You* became the launch pad for developing, editing, and distributing his books and study guides. In 1980 *Grace to You* became an independent, self-funded, nonprofit company and subsequently bought its own building. The staff would soon encompass an amazing variety of fields, including recording engineers, technicians, writers, editors, graphic artists, secretaries, accounting personnel, and a customer service team. The ministry continued to rely on a volunteer staff, as they do today.

The *Grace to You* website, gty.org, and the free Bible and sermon apps offer an endless supply of articles, videos, and study materials. All of John's messages can be streamed or downloaded without charge.

Grace to You television airs weekly on Birmingham's WAY-TV channel 47.1 and is available for free on the internet worldwide. Since completing his first best-selling book, *The Gospel According to Jesus*, in 1988, John has written nearly four hundred books and study guides, including *Our Sufficiency in Christ*, *Strange Fire*, *One Perfect Life*, and *One Faithful Life*. In 2015 *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary* series was completed. In its thirty-three volumes, John takes the reader detail by detail, verse by verse, through the entire New Testament. *The MacArthur Study Bible*, the cornerstone resource of his ministry, is available in English, Spanish, Russian, German, French, Portuguese, Italian, Arabic, and Chinese and is also available as an app for smart phones and other portable devices. This all-in-one spiritual library contains John's personal notes on the Bible text as well as study resources including articles, charts, diagrams, illustrations and maps which provide important cultural, geographical, historical, and language background information.

John and his wife, Patricia, live in Southern California and have four married children and fifteen grandchildren.

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