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The physician's report here on my desk explains in detail how I should only expect to live for 7 to 12... *wait*: before I tell you the rest of what he wrote, I want to redeem this moment to address something more important than me and my situation; namely, *you*.

None of us ever really know how much time we have left in this life ⇒ James 4:14. To this point, God tells us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom ⇒ Psalm 90:12. This is based on already having a growing relationship with God. Earlier it says "fools say in their heart that there is no God" ⇒ Psalm 14:1. This is not limited to atheists; we Christians practice the same foolishness if *our* lifestyle does not trust God.

You may say, "*We all have moments of doubt.*" True; but we might have *areas* of doubt, *entire categories* of life where we actually do not trust God at all, practically. There are at least two ways to find out: **1)** intimacy with God's Word and Holy Spirit (they speak to us), and **2)** trials and troubles (they scream at us). Getting a report from a physician about how long you have left before you die tends to be the screaming type.

There are two important take-a-ways here: **1)** how seriously we take God's gift of life as proven by our consistent lifestyle, and **2)** how seriously we view others' lives and our opportunity and responsibility to intentionally communicate God's love to them while we still have the ability to do so. This does not mean we don't have fun; quite the opposite. No one can rejoice better than someone who assuredly knows they have eternal life.

What would *you* do different if *you* got a report today from your physician stating *you* only have so much time left to live? I realize you cannot know for sure unless you have received such a report, but it will be an eternal blessing to you if you try your best. Such intentional renewing of your mind will help you make better decisions that impact your eternity as well as those you love, including your enemies. Looking death in the face has a way of 'leveling the ball field'; family, friends, enemies and strangers all have to do it.

Like the atheist, another trap in life is **not thinking about** eternity... **now, or often**. This life is very *important* but very *small*; though temporary, it determines eternity. None of us have experienced eternity yet, but will soon, either in Heaven or in hell. Yet it is simple enough to understand and communicate; but never feel obligated to make anyone believe it (you can't); that part is only up to each person. Keep your evangelism Biblical!

The Bible shows the lifespan of mankind decreasing over time due to sin. It started out in the upper hundreds ⇒ Genesis 5:8, 11, 14, 20; 9:29, but by the time Moses was alive, it decreased to 120 years ⇒ Psalm 90:10 (Moses wrote this Psalm). Before Moses died it was down to 70 years; longer for the stronger ⇒ Genesis 6:3, but the timeframe was set.

God the great physician wrote in his report, the Bible (see previous Scriptures), that my expected time to live is 7 to 12 decades at best, just like yours. My report is also your report; God is our Physician, Healer and Lover ⇒ Psalm 103:3; Exodus 15:26; John 3:16.

Use your time wisely: tell someone about God's love **before they die**. Neither you nor they will want to face God having missed a conversation about God's salvation. No one will hate evangelism then, but love it extremely, so don't avoid it now. ♥ Loren Falzone