

#2 Living in Light of Eternity

2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ***17*** *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.* ***18*** *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.* ***For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.***

Review:

- This life is not all there is
- The next life will dwarf this life
- There is a one-way link of impact from here to eternity

Living in light of eternity means
increasingly focusing on those things that will last *forever*

1. GOD

Deuteronomy 33:27 *The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*
Psalm 10:16 *The LORD is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land.*
Revelation 1:18 *I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

2. GOD'S WORD

Isaiah 40:8 *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.*
Matthew 24:35 *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*

3. PEOPLE

John 3:36 *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.*
Matthew 25:46 *Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.*
1 John 2:17 *The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.*

4. THE REWARD OF OUR INHERITANCE

1 Peter 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,* ***4*** *to* ***an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,*** *kept in heaven for you.*

Symptoms of "Eternity Amnesia"

Unrealistic expectations
Focusing too much on self
Asking too much of people
Fearing loss of control
Questioning the goodness of God
Living as if life doesn't have consequences
Lacking motivation and hope
Shrinking back from taking risks for God

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