

2 Corinthians



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Living Life Upward

16Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

Doxa – ***Gk*** - dignity, glory, honor,
praise, worship.

18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18

**fix – gk. - skopeó - to take aim at,
regard -- consider, take heed, look at**

***There are 2 great days in a
person's life –***

***The day you were born, and the
day you discover why
John Maxwell***

***Our direction in life is completely
dependent upon where we are
looking***

How do you do this?

THE KEY – LOOKING AT THE FACE OF JESUS

Pilgrims Progress

When do you find yourself in your most wholesome vigorous state?

When I think of the place to which I am going?

1For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,

2 Corinthians 5: 1-2

3because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. 4For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal

2 Corinthians 5: 3-4

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We long for heaven

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Romans 6:23 – But the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord

John 3:36 – Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life

11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11-12

**6Therefore we are always confident
and know that as long as we are at
home in the body we are away from
the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:6**

4:15-16

8We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

We are always confident -- why?

His Spirit is in us

**We have a future amazing home
in heaven!**

We are getting a new body

**We are getting a new body, and it's
different and a whole lot better**

**For we live by faith and not by sight –
vs. 7**

***9So we make it our goal to please him,
whether we are at home in the body or
away from it.***

***“No one can produce great things
who is not thoroughly sincere in
dealing with himself”
James Russell Lowell***

Growth appointment with yourself

What did God reveal to me in my prayer time?

What did I do yesterday that I should continue to do? Or not do?

Did I make the most of every opportunity mentally or did I waste time in my nothing box?

What seeds did I plant for my future harvest?

What seeds will I plant today for my future harvest?

**What problems do I need to face and
fix today?**

Who are we pleasing?

Self –

Others -

God -

10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5: 10

Apply to my life:

If I were to die today, do I know for sure where I would go?

How can I fix my eyes on heaven more and live by faith and not by sight?

How can I examine my life better in order to please God more?