

50 Bible Verses Everybody Should Know By Heart

Getting It Right In 2012

This year, and every year, despite our best intentions, there's something subtle that when done often enough it becomes like threads in a cable that binds us. *That "something" is getting it WRONG.* And it doesn't happen so much in the big, dramatic, consequential moments of life; but in the little mundane moments of everyday life. It's the little moments that are profoundly important because they are little. Little moments are the ones we live in everyday. And WHY are they important? ***BECAUSE OUR CHARACTER IS SHAPED IN 10,000 LITTLE MOMENTS. CHARACTER FORMED IN THE MUNDANE CARRIES INTO THE BIG MOMENTS.***

The last verse of this Psalm we're considering is a manual on getting it right. It tells us what how to get it right in the moment-by-moment, everyday decisions we make every day of this year, and this life we live.

Here's the Verse: *Psalm 73:28, "But for me, it is good to be near God; I have made the LORD my Refuge, that I might tell of all Your works."*

Here's the context:

1st , Acknowledge God's gracious PRESENCE.

... some observations about "... *near God* ... " I never earn, deserve, or personally achieve this nearness. GRACE does this. Also, "near God" is the polar opposite of where sin takes you. Moreover, "near God" brought Jesus to earth to live and die for His people so we could be where we are divinely designed to be. It's IMPOSSIBLE to be alone. Let us remember God's greatest gift to us is Himself! We need to CELEBRATE the grace that brought us near to God and God near to us!

2nd, Acknowledge God's gracious REFUGE.

Why is this so important? How does forgetting this hurt us? In the heat of life, we will run somewhere when wounded, weary, discouraged; but GOD is the ONLY Refuge worth running to! He heals wounds, gives strength and inner peace, and forgives. Apart from God, we NEVER get the solace we seek. We can only numb ourselves with people, things, or other addictions.

3rd, Acknowledge God's gracious CALL.

What does this tell us about our true purpose? How do we get this wrong? We build (try to) a kingdom by our own design, and we do NOT get what we want. Fallen people want to indulge in how they feel, and how to satisfy their needs, stay on center stage in the spotlight, and be in control with power over others. People apart from Christ feel called to make it all about their schedule, plans, comfort, and success. But when I make it all about me, I get a low grade frustration and irritation. There's something Bigger and Better than MY agenda!

**** Because of God's GRACE, we sometimes/often get it RIGHT; but because of remaining SIN, we so often get it WRONG. **** In which place are you living Today?