

# Coach House Church BEACONS

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## ALL ABOUT THE FUTURE

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On the day that I should've sent the beacon to be posted I realised that I didn't have one; not even an idea. Not a pleasant feeling. Normally What I tell you in the beacons is given to me by what I read in the week or by the conversations I have with others or with the Lord. Sometimes I get inspired by the things I listen to. However the week has gone very quickly and I must've been distracted and not listening as I had nothing to tell you about.

Settling on my sofa after praying, I decided to listen to a sermon online; this time really listening. By the speaker's second sentence, I knew what I would tell you about. I turned it off and started to write.

What are your plans for the future? Which future are you planning for? The near future like the summer holiday or Christmas holiday? Your best friends wedding next year? Or for the little further away future like Retirement maybe? What has got your full attention; what do you spend your energy and money on? Do you work hard all year and save up to be able to go on a posh holiday or your retirement?

Essentially, I'm asking, what do you live for? While you are thinking about this question, please remember this bible verse "What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." James 4:14

And then what? ..then eternity happens. That's the real future. How shall we prepare for that? David tell us in Ps 39 v 6 what not to do: "Surely everyone goes around like a mere phantom; in vain they rush about, heaping up wealth without knowing whose it will finally be." And Jesus, in Mathew's gospel tells us "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

Since we know that gathering earthly wealth and seeking human prestige is not going to help us prepare for the eternity, what should we do, how should we prepare ?

Before trying to answer this question, let's think a moment about what eternity means. If I would try to quantify it, I would think of a grain of sand -which is our life now- and the sandy beach of the whole sea shore which would represent the eternity. Our life now really is a tiny speck in comparison to eternity.

Going back to our question: how should we prepare for eternity? this is what Paul suggests:

"... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14

What is this prize Paul is talking about you might wonder. I believe he is talking about spending eternity with Jesus. And what is he referring to when he says to "forget what is behind"? He is talking about life before knowing Jesus with the passions and worldly ambitions like, to be the richest person on earth, the most beautiful and so on.

Jesus calls us to love him and to show that love by loving the people created in his image- to share out food and clothing ; to get along someone in a difficult situation. To show The Lord's nature by living the way Jesus lived.

Before I say goodbye let me leave you some food for thought. Two questions which we both should ask ourselves:

first one :what have you done this week that would be remembered and would impact your eternity?

And the second one, what did you do this week that would not impact your eternity?

Lord I pray today that you would help us to get ready for spending eternity with you and not strive about insignificant and temporary achievements. This I pray in Jesus' name .



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