

"DON'T BLINK" AND "DASH" IN 2009!

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Psalms 118:24 (KJV) "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

*Life is to be lived in 24 hour periods -**Matthew 6:33-34 & Philippians 3:13-14**

Romans 8:28 (KJV) "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

*God's blessings, love, grace, mercy and peace are with us. There are lessons learned!

Song by Kenney Chesney. "Don't Blink" © 2007 BMG Music (portions noted below)

(CHORIS) Don't Blink

Just like that you're six years old and you take a nap and you
Wake up and you're twenty-five and your high school sweetheart becomes your wife
Don't Blink
You just might miss your babies growing like mine did
Turning into moms and dads next thing you know your "better half"
Of fifty years is there in bed
And you're praying God takes you instead
Trust me friend a hundred years goes faster than you think
So don't blink

ECCLESIASTES (A book about the meaning and purpose of life and how we keep God in it)

*Life is brief and cherished, **Ecclesiastes 1:4 & James 4:14**

*Ecclesiastes Review and brief overview (**There are answers available**). **ASK!**

"BEST START PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST" AND THE CONCEPT OF THE HOUR GLASS

***Matthew 22:37-38** (First and Second Commandments Love God, Self and Others)

***Proverbs 3:27** (Be thankful for others and show/tell them)

***I John 1:3-5; -3:1-3; -4:20-21; -5:1-21;** (Love God, self and others)

"SLOW IT DOWN AND TAKE IT IN (LIFE)"

***Eccles. 2:24; -3:12-14; -5:12** (Work hard; enjoy life each day with God)

*Godly priorities include God, Self, Family (spouse and children), Work, Church/Service to others, etc.

***I Timothy 6:17 (b)** (Amplified) "...But on God, Who richly and ceaselessly provides us with everything for (our) enjoyment." **See also I Timothy 4:16 & 6: 6-8**

"DON'T BLINK – LIFE GOES FASTER THAN YOU THINK"

*Eccles. 9:10-11 & 8:12-13

*Psalms 37:11, 18, 19 (Work and trust in God)

ECCLESIASTES 12: 13-14 (Amplified) "All has been heard, the end of the matter is: Fear God (reverence and worship Him, knowing that He is) and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man (the full, original purpose of his creation, the object of God's providence, the root of character, the foundation of all happiness, the adjustment to all inharmonious circumstances and conditions under the sun) and the whole (duty) for every man. (14) For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it is good or evil."

POEM – **"THE DASH"** BY LINDA ELLIS. **I CORINTHIANS 13:1-13.**

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(How shall you spend your DASH this year of 2009?)

LIVING AND WORKING ON YOUR DASH TODAY! (TRUTHS TO CONSIDER)

* Life as Seasons, **Ecclesiastes 3:1-ff.** +This too will pass. Others have prevailed so can you!

+Begin each day and night with God. Have you done your VERTICALS TODAY?

*The future is as bright as the Promises of God: **II Timothy 3:16; Acts 17:11; II Peter 1:3-4.**

+Believe God to be of service today. Ask God! **Romans 12:5-9; Galatians 6:10;**

*GOD WANTS YOU AND YOUR HEART! **John 4:23-24.** Philippians 1:6 (God won't quit on you)

THE SERENITY PRAYER:

God grant me the serenity to accept
The things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference

YOUR THOUGHTS, GOALS, ACTION STEPS FOR 2009: