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When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box

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I. “Teach us to number our days”

*Teach us to number our days, that
we may gain a heart of wisdom
—Psalm 90:12*

The number one barrier to living right: not having enough time

We face an epidemic of “hurry sickness” (Murray Friedman)

- not enough hours in the day
- multi-tasking
- irritated frequently
- capacity for gratitude diminished
- trying to cram in more and more

It’s time to get into a slower group: look up Luke 12

Your life consists of more than the abundance of your possessions

One day will be your last day... and then what?

II. Illusion 1:

When things settle down

When I am hurried, I am unable to be present in my life

You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life

III. Illusion 2:

One day, more will be enough

More will never lead to contentment

*For I have learned the secret of
being content.
—Philippians 4:12*

Contentment is learning to have the mind of Christ

“It could be worse”

Richness of being is what we really want through richness of having

IV. Monopoly:

At the end of the game, it all goes back in the box

All the stuff—money, power, things—go back in the box

V. Illusion 3:

I'm in control, and it won't end till I want it to end

All the gifts we have—body, mind, strength, talent—are from God

Everything we have is on loan, and we will give account for it

VI. We can become rich toward God

We can play the game in light of what's eternal:

Love God

Seek to use our gifts in ways that make the world better

Love those around us: the person next to us is an eternal being

VII. How do we keep score?

Become the kind of person that others want to sit next to

Win gracefully, lose gracefully, forgive gracefully

Play the game with hope

Play the game in such a way as to be rich toward God

Resources

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