

AM OUTLINE

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**"SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER"**

(2 Kings 20:1-6)

**INTRODUCTION**

The Bible affirms life is short: (Job 7:6) "swifter than a weaver's shuttle" (Job 14:1-2) "few days"  
"like a flower" "shadow" (Psalm 90:10) "soon cut off"  
(Isaiah 38:12) "like a shepherd's tent"  
(James 4:13-15) "a vapor" (Proverbs 27:1 and Hebrews 9:27)

(2 Kings 20:1) "set thy house in order, you shall die, and not live"

If someone told me, "You have one year to live," I'd consider my past, present, and future.

**1. PAST - GO TO ANY LENGTH TO CLEAR IT UP**

- 1) Clear up my past with my fellow man: (Matthew 5:23-24) "... first ..."
- 2) Clear up my past with God: (Psalm 90:8; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Psalm 19:12)

**2. PRESENT - CONTINUALLY "RENEW MY INWARD MAN DAY BY DAY"**

- 1) Evaluate things of seeming importance.  
  
Wise use of time: (Ephesians 5:15-16) "... redeeming the time ..."  
I don't have a list of significant / insignificant things; however, I'll know them.
- 2) Obviously, an emphasis on the spiritual (renewed emphasis).  
  
(2 Cor. 4:16-18) "... outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day ... the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."  
  
(Matthew 6:33) "Seek ye first ..."  
(Matthew 22:36-38) "... this is the first and great commandment"

**3. FUTURE - LEGACY, INHERITANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE**

- 1) Provide for the physical welfare of my family: (1 Tim. 5:8)
- 2) Provide for the spiritual welfare of my family: (Eph. 6:4; Deut. 6:6-7)
- 3) Provide for the future of this congregation: (Phil. 1:21-23)  
  
Follow the charge Paul gave to Timothy: (1 Tim. 4:6) "instruct the brethren in these things" (2 Tim. 2:2-3) "commit these to faithful men"  
(2 Tim. 4:2) "Preach the word"  
  
As Paul did, prepare you for my departure: (2 Tim. 4:6)

**CLOSE** - (Amos 4:12) "prepare to meet thy God"