

# Life Is a Vapor. Live Like It!

by Tim Conway

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*Tim Conway emphasizes the fleeting nature of life and urges believers to live with an eternal perspective.*

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**Scripture:** Psalm 39:4, Ecclesiastes 12:13, Matthew 6:19-21, James 4:14, 1 John 2:17

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of having a mindset aligned with God's perspective on life and eternity. It contrasts the worldly mindset that views life as forever with the biblical truth that life is fleeting and temporary. The speaker urges listeners to adopt a mindset that values eternity over temporary worldly pursuits, reminding them of the brevity of life and the need for wisdom in how they invest their time and resources.

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## Transcript

For more media content from Grace Community Church in San Antonio, Texas, go to [gccsatx.com](http://gccsatx.com). It's passing away because Christ's triumph is imminent. Christ is going to defeat this whole deal. And one of the ways He's defeating it is through His children that He came to save in their minds.

One of the ways this thing is being defeated is by Him working through His Spirit in the minds, bringing our mind more into the conformity of the mind of Christ, so that these mindsets are broken. When He makes all things new, that's what He's doing in His people. He's making the mindsets new.

This is so important because so often we get hung up on the externals. It's the heart of the matter. It's the mindset.

People act and live and do according to their mindsets. So what are some of these mindsets of the world? I'll give you one. One of the mindsets of the world is that life here is forever.

That's the way they think. I mean, you know what? I can remember walking into my house when I... Actually, I wasn't living there at the time. Ruby and I were visiting.

I walk in to my stepdad's. I can just remember being there in the living room. My stepdad had been told he had liver cancer and he had three months to live.

I can remember looking at him, and there he is reading the evening paper with the TV on. I'm looking at my dad reading the newspaper. He's been given three months to live.

He's reading the paper. The mindset of this world... Oh, if you ask the people of this world, are you going to die? Well, factually, they know. Factually, they'll tell you, yeah, I'm going to die.

But you know there's a mindset. Why was it when I was lost, I would ride my motorcycle like a madman, just barely on the edge of death? Because I thought I was immortal. I really did.

I did not think I was going to die. That's how the world is. My dad, sitting there, even though he's been told he's a dead man, he doesn't really believe he's going to die that night or tomorrow.

He believes he's got time. That's the mindset of the world. They don't want to think about eternity.

They don't want to think about the fact that life comes to an end. But what do we find when we come to the Scriptures? What is the mindset God would have us to have? You are but a vapor. You are a little mist that is here.

You're like these flowers. Today, they're there. Tomorrow, they are thrown away.

You know what the psalmist did? Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Psalm 39.4, Oh Lord, make me know my end. And what is the measure of my days? Let me know how fleeting I am.

Folks, you know what that mindset does? The mindset of the world? Listen, Ruby and I just went off to St. Louis. We went over there and we stayed in a motel for four days. Hotel.

My family was telling me the difference between hotel and motel. Okay, we stayed in a hotel. Look, we were in that room for four nights.

If we would have gone in there the first night, we would have busted out the paint, we'd start painting the walls, putting new wallpaper up, buying a new home entertainment system, putting new carpet in. We're just decking it out. Lighters come down there and say, what are you guys doing? Oh, you know, we're staying here.

We want it to be comfortable. Buy a new refrigerator, buy a new posturepedic mattress, we're putting it all... They'd think you guys are crazy. You're only here for four nights.

So you'd say somebody was crazy if they did that. But step back in light of eternity and look what your life here is. It's nothing.

It's nothing. We read in the Scriptures about the ages to come. You tell me, in all the millions of ages to come, what is 70 years? What is 80 years? It's like a stay in a motel.

And you watch the way people groom their yards, the way people buff their cars, the way people decorate their houses. They have a mindset that it is forever. May God teach us to number our days.

Life is short, brethren. You don't want to go investing in this world. It's passing away.

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