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## ***Life is Too Short to Waste***

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Suffering Job observed, “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). Sadly, many of us waste those few days because we’re too busy focusing on — and sometimes creating — the trouble! Life is too short to waste.

*Life is too short to waste on petty grudges.* “A man’s discretion makes him slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook a transgression” (Proverbs 19:11). “Do not be eager in your heart to be angry, for anger resides in the bosom of fools” (Ecclesiastes 7:9). Love “is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs” (1 Corinthians 13:5).

*Life is too short to waste on jealousy and envy.* Envy is self-destructive. It is “rottenness to the bones” (Proverbs 14:30). “Love...does not envy” (1 Corinthians 13:4). Envy defiles us (Mark 7:20-23). “For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing” (James 3:16). “For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?” (1 Corinthians 3:3).

*Life is too short to waste on selfishness.* Love “does not seek its own” (1 Corinthians 13:5). “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4).

*Life is too short to waste on living in the past.* “Do not say, ‘Why is it that the former days were better than these?’ For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this” (Ecclesiastes 7:10).

*Life is too short to waste on worry.* “For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing...And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life’s span?” (Luke 11:22-25).

*Life is too short to waste on sin.* “He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it” (1 Peter 3:10-11).