

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You Only Live Twice

Psalm 90

The Main Motivation for Making A Difference is: **Eternity**.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from *everlasting* to *everlasting* you are God. (Psalm 90:1–2, NIV)

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“The Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will *reward* each person according to what they have done. (Matthew 16:27, NIV)

“Look, *I am coming soon!* My *reward* is with me, and I will give to each person according to *what they have done*. (Revelation 22:12, NIV)

Eternal Perspectives for Making A Difference

(1) “I’m just **passing through**.”

You turn people *back to dust*, saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.” (Psalm 90:3, NIV)

Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their *destiny* is destruction, their *god is their stomach*, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on *earthly things*. But our *citizenship is in heaven*. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Philippians 3:18–20, NIV)

(2) “My time on earth is **short**.”

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning: In the *morning* it springs up new, but by *evening* it is dry and withered. (Psalm 90:4–6, NIV)

Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for *they quickly pass*... (Psalm 90:10, NIV)

(3) You have to live a **different** life in order to have a life that makes a **difference**.

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. You have set our *iniquities* before you, our secret *sins* in the light of your presence. (Psalm 90:7–8, NIV)

Sin matters - both now and in eternity.

We all show the Lord’s glory, and we are being *changed to be like him*. This change in us brings *ever greater glory*, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18, NCV)

Practical Principles for Making A Difference

(1) Make the most of every **opportunity**.

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

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, *making the most of every opportunity*, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:15–16, NIV)

(2) Go through life **looking up** and not **around**.

O LORD, come back to us! How long will you delay? Take pity on your servants! Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives. Give us gladness in proportion to our former misery!

Replace the evil years with good. Let us, your servants, *see you work again*; let our children *see your glory*.

(Psalm 90:13–16, NLT)

(3) Sacrifice a temporary **want** for an eternal **difference**.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; *establish* the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:17, NIV)

“*Don’t store up treasures here on earth*, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. *Store your treasures in heaven*, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your *treasure* is, there the desires of your *heart* will also be. (Matthew 6:19–21, NLT)

The more **intentional** you get about your eternity,
the more eternal you get about your **difference**.