

**DARING FAITH SERIES**  
**LIVING WITH AN EYE ON ETERNITY**  
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**Hebrews 11:13-16**

**I. Introduction**

- A. Our level of hope in the future will determine the level of faith you walk in in the present. Faith is looking at earth from heaven's perspective.
- B. You may have heard the saying, "He's so heavenly minded he's no earthly good, but the Bible teaches that the more heavenly minded you are, the \_\_\_\_\_ earthly good you'll accomplish and experience.

The more aware you are of heaven, the more prepared you are to live successfully on the earth.

- *"History teaches us that the Christians who did the most for this present world were just those who thought the most of the next world. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither."* C.S. Lewis
- *"Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom."* (Ps. 90:12 NLT)

**II. Ways a heavenly hope imparts daring faith**

- A. The clearer our focus is on eternity, the more effective we will be at choosing our \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.
- *"And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?"* (Mat. 16:26 NLT)
  - *"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."* (Mat. 6:19-21)
- B. The clearer our focus is on eternity the more willing we will be to take \_\_\_\_\_ of faith and obedience. *"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."* (Mat. 16:25)
- C. The clearer you are about your destination the less you are discouraged and defeated by present \_\_\_\_\_. The bigger heaven is in our hearts the smaller all of the problems we have will seem in our life.
- *"This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls."* (Heb. 6:19)
  - *"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."* (Rom. 8:18 NIV)
  - *"So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."* (2 Cor. 4:18 NLT)

D. The clearer our view of heaven the more aware, expectant, and \_\_\_\_\_ we are to receive the blessings of God on earth.

1. If we aim at heaven we can fully expect God to “throw in” earth.  
*“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Mat. 6:33 NIV)*
2. Heaven is not simply a destination we are going to someday; it is a bank we can withdraw from \_\_\_\_\_ by faith.
  - *“And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Mat. 10:7 KJV)*
  - *“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” (Mat. 6:9-10)*
  - *“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:19 NIV)*

### III. Some specific ways you can live with your eye on eternity

A. Live with the blessed \_\_\_\_\_ that heaven is your home.

*“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 Jn. 5:13 NIV)*

B. Set your affections on things above. Let your longings be satisfied with \_\_\_\_\_ things. *“If you be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is seated on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth.” (Col. 3:1-2 KJV)*

Happiness is a temporary good feeling that the pursuit of earthly things can bring you. Joy is an \_\_\_\_\_ thing that the world can't take from you, that comes as you pursue things that are eternal.

C. Do all that you do in work or play with an eye on eternity. People who are earth focused have careers, people who are eternity focused have a \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” (Jn. 6:27 NIV)*

D. Invest \_\_\_\_\_ you can now for eternity.

1. Make your main goal something beyond this world, to have a great eternity and hear “well done.” *“Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Pet. 1:11)*
2. Don't miss the everyday opportunities to make a difference for eternity.
3. Put first in the investment of time, energy, and money in that which will last forever.  
*“No man is a fool, to give up that which he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose.” –Jim Elliott*

(Answers: I. more II. priorities, risks, difficulties, able, now III. assurance, eternal, eternal, calling, all)