

Your Last Day

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There it was in the **“Keeping Up With Youth”** section of an old **“Parade Magazine,”** an article titled **“Last Day on Earth,”** an article that had some alarming bit of information in it.

It tells of the results of a question asked by a religion teacher of 625 young Germans in 12 vocational schools.

About 500 answered in essay form, and the teacher-querist had written a book divulging and commenting upon the replies to his question. The book had been given the title, **“If I Only Had One More Day to Live,”** and that gives away the question that was asked: **“What would you do if you had only one day to live?”**

The question is nothing novel or new. Preachers of the gospel have been asking people that for a long, long time now, and they have been pleading with them to use each day as if it were their last. And this is exactly the result of applying Bible teaching. Jesus said, *“Therefore be ye also ready, for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh”* (Matthew 24:44), and *“Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour”* (Matthew 25:13).

But how would you answer that question? Will you now make it your question? What would you do with your one last day? And since for more than 200,000 people of all ages today is their last day and since every person you have ever known that is now dead had his last day, does it not behoove us to live as if each day were our last day? That way we will always be prepared, regardless of the time of that one last day that will usher us forever from this stage of divine mercy and human opportunity and will seal the record we must face in the judgment and at the threshold of eternity.

Perhaps the reporter who wrote the aforementioned article did not give us a fair cross-section of the answers gleaned from the book, but what she did give was disturbing. **“20% of the young men questioned would spend their last day on earth drinking, taking drugs, and fornicating.”** Twenty-eight of those who answered said that they would not wait to die, but would take their own lives. Such answers indicate the successful influence of atheistic philosophies upon our young people. They have been led to believe that they came forth from the fickle and blind hand of nature, that they live without any intelligent purpose and without any absolute standard of morality, and that they will soon pass into eternal nothingness. They are here, they have been assured, without law or purpose, so why not drink as deeply as they can :from the fountain of momentary and passing thrills?

People who have been properly taught that they are creatures of God, made in His image, here as the result of design, here with a lofty purpose, responsible to God for their conduct, subject to His will, destined for heaven or hell beyond this life and determining which by their response to the declarations and commandments of God’s word, will not give such answers to this very important question.

If you had but one day to live on this earth, how would you use it? What is your answer to the question?

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