

Life is Too Short

*Lord, let me know my end
and the number of my days,
so that I know how short
my life is. — Psalm 39:5*

As the fall settles in and the holidays approach us, I am mindful again of that phrase that has greater meaning to me each and every year: “life is too short.” The longer I live, the shorter the days seem and the less patience I have for what we called in high school “sweating the small stuff.” One of my chums from that era used to ask a question I did not fully appreciate until recently: “in the immortal scheme of things, how important is this?” Life is indeed too short to be distracted for long with nonessential things.

Soon the church year will come to an end. Soon we will prepare once more to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the One who came to give us abundant, new life. And soon, we will again be faced with the stresses and strains of “that most wonderful time of the year.” When we consider buying one more Christmas present or attending one more special event, will we stop to ask, “in the immortal scheme of things, how important is this?”

Whether it’s “unplugging the Christmas tree,” or getting some extra help, or learning ways to manage new challenges — no matter what important things lie ahead, we want to support you with prayer and spiritual care. Don’t hesitate to call, write, email, fax or drop us a note whenever you’d like us to keep you in prayer about the things that really matter, the things that give abundant life.

– Tom Momberg