

Psalm 104:33-34 (NLT2)

***I will sing to the LORD as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath!
May all my thoughts be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.***

Here is a pleasant thought for a Monday.

How many people, when they are on their deathbed will say;

- “I wish I texted more”
- “I wish I watched more videos on YouTube”
- “I wish I played more video games”
- “I wish I would have worked more hours”
- “I wish I would have watched more TV”
- “I wish I drank more”
- “I wish I had sex with more people”
- “I wish I didn’t go to church so much”
- “I wish I would have tithed less”
- “I wish I would have yelled at my spouse and kids more”
- “I wish I spent less time with my kids and family”
- “I wish I had my cell phone so I could do one more selfie before I die”

And we could go on and on with our list of things that we try to do more and more of, or even less and less of right now. But when you read them in the context of being on your deathbed, they don’t sound so important as we make them out to be. In fact some of them sound down right ridiculous, yet they are what we do now.

I know for me, my hearts desire when I am on my deathbed is to do exactly what today’s verse says, which is:

✠ ***“I will praise my God to my last breath!”***

You see, when that’s your heart, all those others things don’t mean a thing at all, because if my least breath is praising God, then my focus is every breath before that would be to praise God. And when you have that mind set, the list we have above will dwindle away and our priorities will change to things that bring glory to God, which includes;

- spending more time in the word
- praying more
- spending more time with your family
- Spending less and less time on your phone or tablet.

Your priorities change from trying to give your family the best things this earth has to offer by working long hours to make enough to keep their flesh satisfied, to working less hours and spending more quality time with them, helping them to set up treasures in heaven and not on this earth.

Read what Jesus said about this.

† **Matthew 6:19-21** *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Did you catch the last sentence, “*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” And if you want to know where your treasure is, think about if you were on your deathbed right now, what would your regrets be, or what do you want your last words to be that would reflect your life?

Mine is “*I will praise my God to my last breath!*” with no regrets on how I lived my life. How about you?

† **Isaiah 50:7 (MSG)** *And the Master, GOD, stays right there and helps me, so I'm not disgraced. Therefore I set my face like flint, confident that I'll never regret this.*

† **Psalms 146:2 (NLT2)** *I will praise the LORD as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.*