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LIFE'S 3 T's

Dear Friend:

The way you see your life shapes your life. For instance: if you view life as a marathon, you will value endurance. If you view life as one long party, you will value having fun. If you view life as a series of battles you value winning. If we could see life from God's point of view, I think we would see life in a three-fold manner. Life is a test, a trust, and a temporary assignment.

First, life is a test. God at times tests our character and our faith. Also, at times God allows Satan, other people, and circumstances to test us. Every Bible leader at one time or another was tested. Moses was tested as he led the people towards the Promise Land. Joseph was tested as he spent time in jail. Abraham was greatly tested. God causes or allows testing in our lives, and he hopes we grow in character and glorify his name.

Second, life is a trust. We are stewards: (one who cares for what has been entrusted to him or her). God has entrusted us with so much. There is a direct correlation between how we take care of things God has entrusted us with and the quality of our spiritual life.

Third: life is a temporary assignment. For thousands of years people have lived for the "here and now" and given VERY little thought to eternity. C.S. Lewis said it well: "All that is not eternal is eternally useless". Did he mean we cannot enjoy a good vacation, a boat ride, or a walk in the park? No, he just reminds us where to place our highest values: in eternity! Life is a test, a trust, and a temporary assignment. Live with these values guiding you and you will always be on the right path!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Sandy Ratchford (Hospice), Cami Montoya (more bleeding from liver surgery), Trish Dolejs (Jenny Burtnett's mom, shut-in)