

Everyone knows how important numbers and numbering systems are to use, especially the ones that deal in dollars signs. Have you ever thought about God and numbers? Certainly if you are a student of the Bible, you know of the one thousand years of eschatology, how significant the number 7 is for completeness, and even the scary 666! However, have you ever thought about how practical your prayers can be in terms of God teaching you to "number your days to apply your heart to wisdom". Even as Lord Kelvin said "You are not scientific until you attach a number, so God would tell you that you can not find the ultimate for your life until you pray and receive answers to "teach me to number my days to apply my heart to wisdom".

By the way I dare say that this is another teaching of the Bible that you will not hear from Popular Preachers, because they want to teach your how to number your money as gifts to them rather than how to number your own days!

23-1: A Prayer God Always Honors.

While there are a lot of prayers not answered or that go no further than the ceiling of the church, as discussed previously in the "Righteousness and Prayer" chapter, because God's prerequisite for rightness and righteousness has not been met; however, there is one prayer from the Bible given as an example for prayer that God will always honor.

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"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

God will answer this prayer always because whether you recognize it or not, such a prayer on your part to God the Father requires a previous commitment to desire to know the details of His plan for your life. Also it assumes that you have confidence that God knows and wants the best for your life: what He really intended for it when in the beginning He created you, and when "before the foundation of the earth, He chose you IN CHRIST and predestined you to be conformed to the image of Christ" (Ephesians 1:4,5). Perhaps you have never had a conviction as a believer in Christ that God had such an extensive interest in you personally to choose you in Christ and then predestine you on this earth and later in the eternity of the New Age and New Earth to be like His own Son. The dominant story of the Old Testament is quite discouraging apart from the good examples because the bottom line is about how God's own people rejected Him and were punished, and would be punished; however about midway, say somewhere around Ezekiel with the Spirit of Christ's revelations about the new birth, the New Nation, and the New Earth God began to make it clear to His own people that there was great hope in the future. Even as the Apostle Paul wrote, "if in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable", so if you are deceived into thinking about great hope here on earth in any form, including the delusion that this new nation and new Jerusalem with redemption for the Jews as any longer the real people of God, then you will not get the real message of hope from the Bible

1. God cares about your day and days, the years of your life, and how you choose to schedule your time. God cares about the routines of your life. If anything needs to be added or taken away, perhaps modified, then a prayer about the details of this numbering are part of this prayer that God honors.

a. Remember that the God who chose you from before the foundation of the world--and oh yes He and Christ seeing up there with their feet in the clouds have the knowledge and power to do this, and the thousands upon thousands of angels to help and even the vast multitude of "just men made perfect" who have experienced the first resurrection and can see each day what you are doing--this same God to choose you and determined that you should be like Christ KNOWS about you and SEES YOU, even has the numbers of your hair numbered. **{By the way, this is another numbering system that God honors that no other scientists or intellectuals on this earth know about, or even care about. Can you think of any other person on this earth, or above this**

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earth, that would care enough about you to number the very hairs on your head.} And all this is stated in the Bible by Jesus, who lived with God and was God before and after approximately 33 years on earth, just to let you know how much the great ruler of the Universe, one who often seems so distant, in reality is sitting right up there on the great white throne in great majesty and power, and with Jesus at His right hand to remind Him who you are, especially to make intercession for your sins {another numbering system in operation, that is the numbering and forgiveness of your sins, of course, which God through Christ and after confession to God the Father through Christ, promises to remember no more}. Oh, how much is in the Sermon on the Mount that we have not begun to apply to our Christian life and church life, especially on how to pray, what to pray for, and how not to pray like the religious leaders who think they will be heard for their "much speaking" and repetitive prayers. That the hairs of your head are numbered is not immediately in the Sermon on the Mount, although the foundational perspective from Jesus who knew best and personal about God the Father is about the concern for you more than the sparrows and the grass of the fields which grow and have their needs met without any fretting.

"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered." (Matthew 10:30)

b. You begin to see the numbering system of God for your life as you comprehend and practice the habit on committing each day every care upon Christ.

"Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, because He cares for you." (I Peter 5:6,7)

2. The general statement can easily be made from the Bible and supported that when this exaltation by God of you, in spite of humility before Him now, is not known, it will happen in due time, that is God's own due time, that "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love Him". Those things that we can only imagine, and never know until we see Jesus and the New Earth with the New Jerusalem surrounded by all the New Nations, for our own lives, may be more and may be exclusively for the New Earth; yet they will come!

a. Beyond your wildest imagination and imaginings, if you love Christ and God really, God beyond the initial choosing from before the foundation of the earth and beyond the general goal to internally make you over in the image of Christ {also by the way with the new resurrection body like Christ}, God has wonder-

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ful details and special blessings in store for you both in this life, sometimes called the "abundant life" by Christ, and even more in the life to come on the New Earth.

b. These special blessings do not come automatically, even as in the Old Testament the people of God did not get continued blessings from God in spite of the "any way that they would live". Continued blessings from God have been and always will be, on earth and in eternity, contingent upon obedience. "Behold, to obey is better than to sacrifice". (I Samuel 15:22) And like in the song sung in so many churches where cover ups of bad habits are more the general rule than the exception, it is none the less true to "trust and obey, for there is no other way."

2. This prayer also assumes God's Smart Lecture: that you want the "wisdom of God" for your life. As a parent and now as a grand parent, I desired to give my SMART LECTURE to kids and grand kids, "just do something smart for a while, leaving off these dumb and non-profitable activities, being safe and careful." Well, God has a smart lecture for your life, and it is called "wisdom".

a. It is wisdom for your life.

b. It is based on the wisdom of God as recorded in all the pages of the Bible with both good and bad examples for you to know and learn.

c. Quite often, and this is where much righteous and effectual prayer comes in, is there are "hidden" things between you and God such as a hidden name that God has promised to certain Christians and believers who will go above and beyond the norm they see in the world, in their churches, and among even the best known believers.

23-2: Numbers of the Wisdom of God for Your Life.

The wisdom of God for your life is both general in that you are to receive the benefits of all Christians, and it is specific in that God has certain numbers for your life that are different from all other Christians. The obvious example is that the years and days you live is different from most other around you.

1. General Wisdom of God for all Christians. I think you realize that the Bible by example and word **{teachings}** contains the wisdom of God. Carrying it around will not illuminate that word to you personally; for like the new birth itself, it is not of blood or will of man, the wisdom of God comes from the help

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of the Holy Spirit working in answer to prayer in the heart of the more than natural person.

2. *General Wisdom of God for all Church Members.* It is not that amply instruction has been given by God through Apostles and Prophets on how to live, worship, and work in the church. It is only that this good wisdom has been covered up by the bad habits of the majority of church members! Many of them know the miserable condition that they are in, and the end consequences of their bad habits, so that they desire is to make all the wheat and sheep as miserable and as shallow and as damned and cursed as these tares and goats without the proper wedding garments even though for years they have been called and feasted among church members and leaders just like they are real, without being among the chosen.

3. The more specific numbers for your own life. Yes, pray that prayer, "Lord, teach me to number my days to apply my heart to wisdom"; and such a prayer of faith which honors God, and He will honor you in return, will amaze you with the results!

23-3: How God Teaches You Your Personal Numbering System?

1. God hears, honors, and answers a prayer to "teach me to number my days to apply my heart to wisdom". So many of our prayers, like Pastor James writes, are cleverly crafted to satisfy our own lust; but the prayer for numbering places our prayers on a whole new God-ordained level that also honors God.

2. God illuminates certain Scriptures with yet unimaginable things as you read through the Bible with certain cares and decisions in mind. The wisdom of the Bible common to all Christians, and for all Christians, is the place to start--also craft with a prayer for numbering your days to apply your heart to wisdom, another prayer like in Ephesians 2 to be illuminated {much of what popular preachers call special revelations is really in the category of illumination, that is if it is from God at all} on "the exceeding greatness of His power to usward, the hope of His calling, and the richness of His inheritance in the saints." Then once you have those two prayers and practices of prayer behind you, it will be easier to get down to the nitty-gritty of God's guidance for your own personal number system of life.

23-4: The Wisdom of God is Long Range, Best, and Tailored for You.

1. From the wisdom perspective of God, "one day is a thousand years and a thousand years as one day". There is not a way in the world that you can out patient

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God; for the Bible tells us "God is patient and longsuffering, and not willing that any should perish". Not only does He provide in the Bible numerous reports for believing, but also tells by example and word how to implement in church administration and Christian living those teachings.

2. The God who made you and knows you best has also the best in mind for your life. Just like an earthly father when chastises a child has in mind the curtailing of bad habits and the cultivation of good habits, so also God the Heavenly Father who definitely will chastise His own, not bastard children so as the tares, goats, or those called to churches but without the proper wedding garments, is doing that for the same reasons: to cultivate good habits and replace the bad habits.

3. The God who has tailored a number system of hairs for your head, the God who knows when you sit down and get up, has also individual tailored a plan for your life that includes your uniqueness and personality; and He desires to hear you pray each day, "Teach me to number my days to apply my heart to wisdom".

23-5: Cover Ups Protect Hiding.

You can expect cover ups about what happens in your church when the salt of unique Christian personalities have lost its savor. Also when the light of distinction of God's people has lost its glimmer to shine into the community and world, and the light is hidden under a bush to cover up the diminished quality. Churches Cover Up Better Than Government, Education, the Military, and Big Business. Cover ups by church members and church leaders is also used as a more worldly method where members have not comprehend the learn from God of number systems for their lives.

When hearing the sub-title on the cover, "Many churches think they are hiding?", the question was asked, "Hiding from what?" Well, that person had not yet read this book since it was not yet distributed; and hopefully that is not the same question in your mind, however just in case you have come this far in the book and do not have an answer for that question, it should be answered now. What churches are hiding from is just like the message of Den of Thieves, churches like a gang of thieves who plunder and then hide in a remote and hidden place are hiding from getting caught. Yet the place of hiding and cover up is not distant like with a gang of criminals, it is in the churches. Have you ever noticed how many people love to live in crowded condominiums or houses one inch apart and in a mob as it provides surrounded by so many people living just like themselves a place of hiding! Well, your church can give you the

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same sense of security, that you are hidden from getting caught by God as cower in the church activities. The crowd, and the pastor, and your friends that live like you with the condemned bad habits of Jeremiah and II Timothy, assure you that all is right with your religion and the world. Americans above all are organizers; and Americans with the American religion have organized a comfortable set of expectations and cover-ups to protect those same expectations. You may think of all the cover-up that goes on in the mortgage industry, or big business like with the CEOs who take advantage of the people in the land and their own employees--by the way most often they also hide in the respectability of some local church for cover up--or the cover up in governments at the State and Federal levels, or in the military and education; but way out in front of all these organized institutions are the churches in hiding and cover up.

Now, as this chapter begins to wrap up, you may wonder what is the correlation between the way God would number your days if you permit Him and this cover up of the hiding of bad habits in your church and other churches. The answer is, especially if you are a member of the 10,000 membership of Lakewood, or any other place of a Popular Gospel of Prosperity Preacher, that the influence of your pastor and the people among whom you are hiding in all probability will not be in the path of True Rightness and Righteousness. Even as the majority in the Temple of Jeremiah were completely wrong to the extent that God told Jeremiah to no longer pray for them--God would not listen to the prayers of the people any longer nor of Jeremiah on behalf of the people--even as all of God's people in the wilderness wanderings after 40 years of seeing the works of God then being tested by God were found wanting, forbidden because of "their evil heart of unbelief" from entering into the eternal rest of God, even as the Bible teaches us that this Falling Away American churches are currently in is just like that of God's people in the wilderness, so most members and therefore most churches will also develop that "evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12)--developing as a substitute just like most of the people around them among whom they are hiding, a non-living God of a distorted character, or of materialism, or status, or prosperity. Satan like to appear to other Christians just like he did to Jesus, taking them in the mind and heart and even dreams {you might want to call this the American Dream} to a high place to show all the things of the world, then say to Mr. and Mrs. Average church member, "All these things I will give you if you will bow down and worship me." And since these broken cisterns of non-living gods are not real, they can not hold water, any loyalty to substitute gods like the Queen of Heaven or lusts after things, flesh, and pride of life, are really an acceptance of Satan and what he

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offers since he is real and living and the only other supernatural being in this universe.

As the words of a famous hymn go: "This world is not a friend, to lead me on to god; sure, I must fight if I would win." And the good "fight of faith" which you must fight--much harder in this time of the Falling Away--is most often a resistance to the friends and leaders of your church membership. Never forget, that is what the Falling Away is! It is not a falling away from church and church membership or church attendance, it is a subtle, continuous, and habitual falling away over a period of many years, say 40 years, where as Jesus predicted as "sin abounds, the love of many will wax cold". Sin is and will abound as we experience the rising tide of the mystery of lawlessness and sin that Paul wrote of in relationship to the Falling Away that must come before the Second Coming. What churches and their leaders are hiding from, some from ignorance and some just from plain intolerance toward sound doctrine and what they want to do, is that the churches and members must be also the leaders in the Falling Away since they are the only ones among Americans who have seen the works of God for over 40 years, just the fallen God's people in the wilderness.

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