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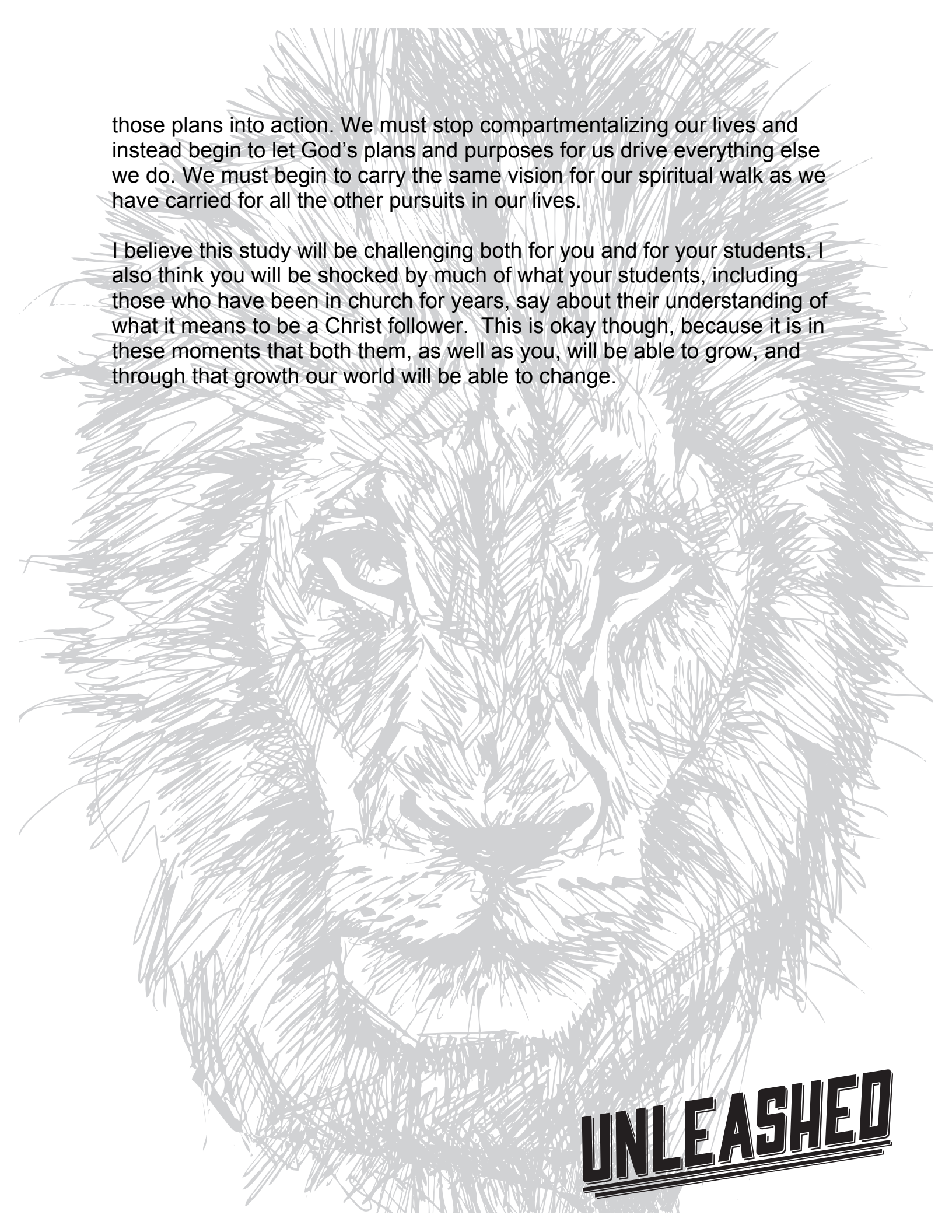
Whether we realize it or not, we meticulously plan out our lives. Our days are filled with schedules, to-do lists, and step-by-step plans for each and every section of our lives. Think about it...if you are a college student, your courses have a syllabus that lays out the entire semester. If you have a project or paper; at some point, even if it is the night before, you sit down, make an outline, and schedule out piece-by-piece when each section is done. If you are at work, you have responsibilities that you must complete, and each and every day you have a plan for how to accomplish these tasks. In your personal life, whether you are single or already a parent, you have sets of tasks and goals and a plan for how to accomplish it all. You have hopes and dreams and ideas of how you will make those things become a reality. Even if it is not written down, the plan is in place.

Our students are the same way. Whether they have a job, are on a team, in a club, or just go to school, they have their days planned out, goals set in front of them, and specific things they must do to accomplish these goals.

It is pretty easy to see that regardless of how freewheeling we think we are, our lives are pretty structured and calculated –except when it comes to our Christian lives. It seems to me that for many of us, we meticulously set up plans and goals for our lives and just seem to hope that our spiritual lives and the plans and purposes that God has for us will just somehow fall into place. If we continue on this path, we will find ourselves at the end of our lives having settled for mediocrity and having missed out on much of what God had for us, and the world around us will continue to suffer for it.

This study is about changing this. It is about forcing our students – as well as each of us – to completely wipe our lives clean. We must lay down all the plans and goals that we have set and focus in on what God would have us do. Then we must specifically voice and plan what God is calling us to do. We must no longer just assume we understand what it means to follow Christ, and we definitely must not assume that our students have that understanding. We can no longer just flippantly say general phrases about being a Christ follower; we instead must get detailed and specific and put

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those plans into action. We must stop compartmentalizing our lives and instead begin to let God's plans and purposes for us drive everything else we do. We must begin to carry the same vision for our spiritual walk as we have carried for all the other pursuits in our lives.

I believe this study will be challenging both for you and for your students. I also think you will be shocked by much of what your students, including those who have been in church for years, say about their understanding of what it means to be a Christ follower. This is okay though, because it is in these moments that both them, as well as you, will be able to grow, and through that growth our world will be able to change.

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LESSON 1: WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
2 TIMOTHY 4:1

Take a moment to jot down where you see yourself in 5-10 years. You might want to jot down what you want to accomplish in high school, where you want to go to college, what career you want to pursue, etc.

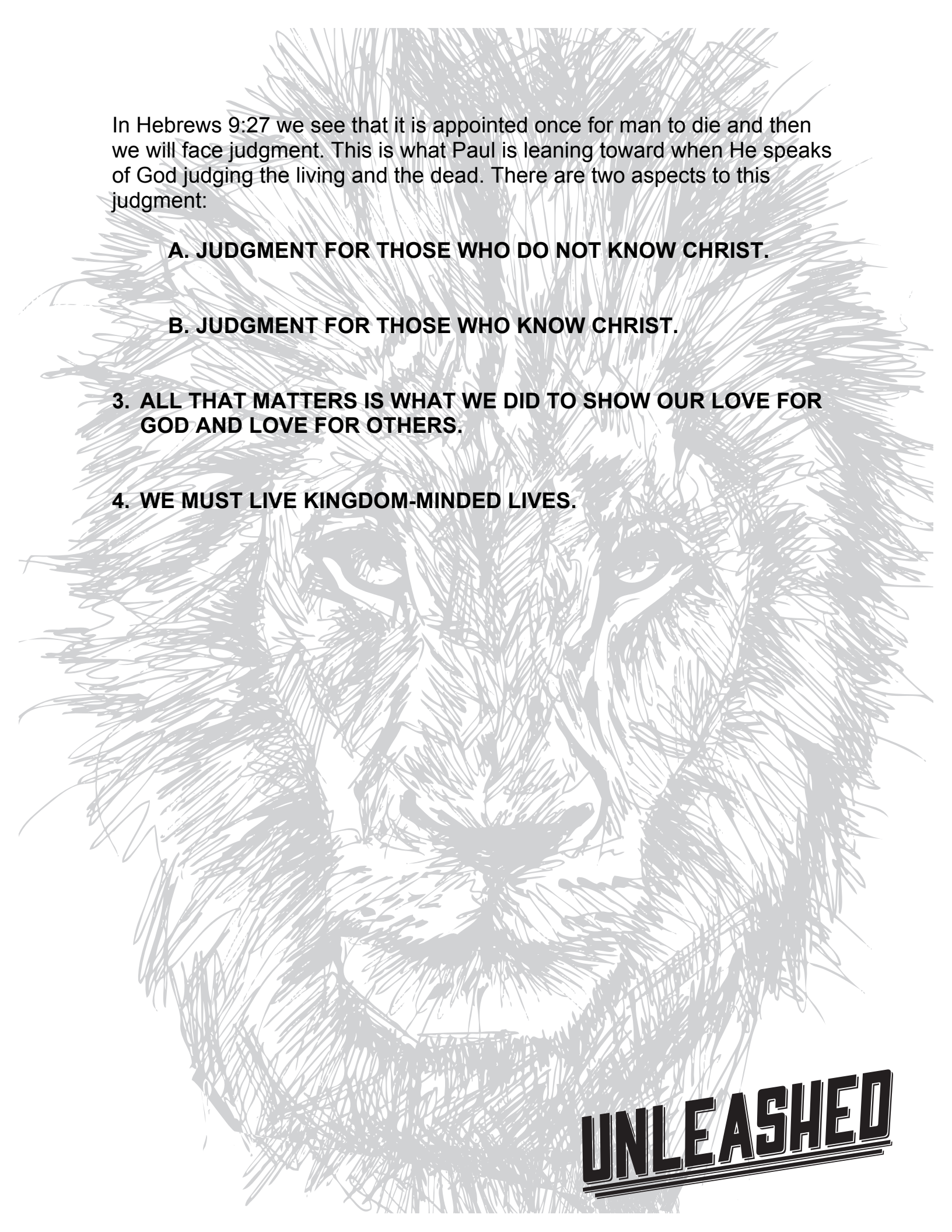
Now take a moment to jot down where you see yourself in 5-10 years spiritually. What sins have you overcome? Who have you reached? What are you doing to reach others?

READ 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8.

In this lesson we will just look at verse 1 to see what we can learn and apply to our lives.

- 1. YOUR LIFE WILL END SOMEDAY.**
- 2. WHEN OUR LIVES END, WE WILL HAVE TO STAND BEFORE GOD.**

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In Hebrews 9:27 we see that it is appointed once for man to die and then we will face judgment. This is what Paul is leaning toward when He speaks of God judging the living and the dead. There are two aspects to this judgment:

A. JUDGMENT FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW CHRIST.

B. JUDGMENT FOR THOSE WHO KNOW CHRIST.

3. ALL THAT MATTERS IS WHAT WE DID TO SHOW OUR LOVE FOR GOD AND LOVE FOR OTHERS.

4. WE MUST LIVE KINGDOM-MINDED LIVES.

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