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TURN A CORNER!

Long ago God made you: “[God] created my inmost being; [He] knit me together in my mother’s womb” (Ps. 139:13).

Long ago He decided your particular life span: “Man’s days are determined; [God has] decreed the number of his months and set limits he cannot exceed” (Job 14:5).

Long ago He planned the piece of track your very own life would run on: “Let us run with perseverance [staying power] the race *marked out for us*” (Heb. 12:1).

Long ago He decided what good things only you would do: “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph. 2:10).

If God put all this thought and care into your very life, planning in advance what you – and no one else – should contribute –

“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is” (Eph. 5:15-17).

“*Be very careful.*” We’re liable not to be. We’re liable to squander our time, our lives, fiddling around. We’re liable to be unwilling to suffer, to quit too soon. We’re liable not to reach for “staying power” but to pamper ourselves, humor ourselves, give up too often.

But said Amy Carmichael, “We have all eternity to enjoy our rewards, and only a few short years to win them!”

Wrote Jonathan Edwards, “Resolved: to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness in the other world, as I possibly can.”

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