

Achan brought death to himself and his family by dishonesty (Josh. 7:19-21, 24-26).

- III. You can shorten your life by rebellion. Korah shortened his life by rebellion (Num. 16:1-2, 31-33). Hananiah shortened his life by rebellion (Jer. 28:15-17).
- IV. You can shorten your life by hardening your neck (stubbornness).
"He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1). Stubbornness has shortened the lives of many people.
- V. You can shorten your life by lying to God. Ananias and Sapphira shortened their lives by lying to God (Acts 5:1-10).
- VI. You can shorten your life by living after the flesh. "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die. . . ." (Rom. 8:13). Living after the flesh means doing what the sinful old nature desires. This has shortened the lives of many people.
- VII. You can shorten your life by not judging yourself.

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world" (I Cor. 11:31-32). When God chastens His children and they do not respond by judging themselves and confessing and forsaking their sins, He sometimes takes their lives prematurely. This is called "sin unto death," a physical death which shortens lives (I John 5:16).

Let me ask you the question in Ecclesiastes 7:17. "Why shouldest thou die before thy time?" Don't be disobedient, dishonest, rebellious, stubborn, full of lies, living after the flesh and failing to judge yourself. Put your trust completely in the Lord Jesus Christ and let Him make you obedient, honest, yielded, submissive, and truthful; one who lives after the Spirit and judges himself.

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Ephesians 2:8-9- "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man boast."

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES SUNDAY

10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

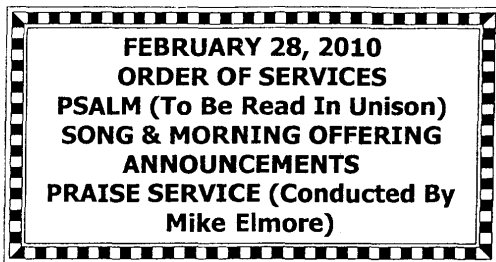
11:00 AM WORSHIP

5:00 PM. EVENING WORSHIP

7:00 PM PRAYER MEETING, WEDNESDAY
NIGHT

NUMBERS 10:29- "...COME THOU WITH US AND WE WILL DO THEE GOOD..."

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SEVEN WAYS TO SHORTEN YOUR LIFE!

(Proverbs 10:27)

In our text we are told that as well as prolonging his life, a person can also shorten his life. "The years of the wicked shall be shortened." Throughout God's Word we are taught that a person can shorten his life because of sin. "Nast thou marked the old way which wicked men have trodden? Which were cut down out of time, whose foundation was overflown with a flood" (Job 22:15-16). *The Amplified Bible* renders verse 16, "men who were snatched away before their time."

"... Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half of their life"

(Ps. 55:23). God asks: "Why shouldst thou die before thy time?" (Eccles. 7:17). Here are seven ways to shorten your life.

I. You can shorten your life by disobedience.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and shortened their lives (Gen. 2:15-17; 3:6-7, 22-24). They would have lived forever if they had not sinned.

The people in Noah's day disobeyed God and shortened their lives (Gen. 6:5-7; 7:21-22).

Lot's wife disobeyed God and shortened her life (Gen. 19:15-17, 26).

Nadab and Abihu disobeyed God and shortened their lives (Lev. 10:1-2).

Moses disobeyed God and shortened his life (Num. 20:7-12; Deut. 3:25-27; 34:5-7).

The men who disobeyed God and looked into the ark shortened their lives (Num. 4:17-20; I Sam. 6:19).

Uzzah disobeyed God and shortened his life (II Sam. 6:6-7).

II. You can shorten your life by dishonesty.

"As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and *not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days*, and at his end shall be a fool" (Jer. 17:11). (Continued on Bulletin back)

Pray to turn my heart back again

(I Kings 18:37-38) 'Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hest turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.'

This incident is recorded for our learning and for our encouragement. The Lord God is the same today as He was then — ready to show Himself strong on the behalf of those who walk as Elijah and trust Him as he did. Are you faced with some difficult situation, some pressing emergency, some trial? Then place it not between yourself and God, but rather put God between it and you. Meditate afresh on His wondrous perfections and infinite sufficiency; ponder His precious promises which exactly suit your case; beg the Holy Spirit to strengthen your faith and call it into action. So too with God's servants: if they are to put to confusion His enemies and gain victory over those who oppose, if they are to be instrumental in turning the hearts of men back to God, then they must look to Him to work in and by them, they must rely on His almighty power both to protect and carry them fully through the discharge of arduous duties. They must have a single eye to God's glory in what they undertake, and give themselves to believing and fervent prayer. By A.