

# Taking Our Chance?

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Not too many years ago, in a small place called Wildie, near Mount Vernon, Kentucky, there was a church building which is still standing but really close to the main road. At that time, there was a meeting going on and a lot of interest was shown by the attendance. It seems that this one man who was there was known by the minister to be in an unsaved position. Going out the door, the preacher said to him, "I know you want to do what is right, and you should have done it this evening, because each time you shun obeying the Gospel, you are taking a great chance with our life." To which the man replied, "I know what you're saying is true and one day I aim to do what is right, but until then, I will just have to take my chances."

He did not know that, that very evening was his last opportunity to get right with God, for he only walked less than 50 feet when he

stepped out into the highway into the path of a moving car and was killed instantly. This is a true story.

But, when we compare it to all living today, do we ever know when the present day will be our last one? *"Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."* Proverbs 27:1 And so it is, we may make plans and aim to carry them through, but you never know if you will get to do it or not.




How should we then make plans, and what method should we base them upon? I recommend James 4:13-17 which says it this way, *"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: <sup>14</sup>Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. <sup>15</sup>For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. <sup>16</sup>But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."*

So, then, the reality of life is very simple. We come forth upon the earth to grow and to

learn God's will and to prepare ourselves for a short stay. What we should do is live it out under the will of God so that our time on earth will not be fruitless but productive in laying up treasure in Heaven where they will be forever, not just a short time. So, in taking stock of our lives, what do we see? A person taking chances on another day? Or, do we see one who is taking advantage of their opportunity to do God's will by hearing his Word and doing obediently what is says. Yes, all of us will give an accounting of how we have spent our days here. **2 Corinthians 5:10** says so, *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."* So, don't boast of your life as one that will be long and filled with many opportunities, for it may be just the opposite. Humble ourselves in service to God's will, obey his commands, be baptized to solidify your faith in Christ who died for you. Then, one day you will get to go live with him forever. For there is no other way!

Call 1-859-369-4165, anytime  
 Sincerely, Bob Casey

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<b>STRAIGHT PARTY</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party	
<b>PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES</b> (Vote for One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Donald J. TRUMP Michael R. PENCE Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph R. BIDEN Kamala D. HARRIS Democratic Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jo JORGENSEN Jeremy "Spike" COHEN Libertarian Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kanye WEST Michelle TIDBALL Independent	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brock PIERCE Karla BALLARD Independent	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	
<b>UNITED STATES SENATOR</b> (Vote for One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitch McCONNELL Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amy McGrATH Democratic Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brad BARRON Libertarian Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	
<b>UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS</b> 6th Congressional District (Vote for One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Andy BARR Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Josh HICKS Democratic Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Frank HARRIS Libertarian Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	
<b>STATE SENATOR</b> 21st Senatorial District (Vote for One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Brandon Jackson STORM Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Walter TREBOLO III. Democratic Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	
<b>STATE REPRESENTATIVE</b> 91st Representative District (Vote for One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Billy WESLEY Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Paula CLEMONS-COMBS Democratic Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	

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<b>PARTISAN CITY BALLOT</b>	
<b>CITY COUNCIL</b> City of Irvine (Vote for Six)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Les WITHERS Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kris LEE Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tommy Joe "Tobo" BRYANT Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Billy Dean ARTHUR Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tim BURKHART Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Glenwood "Woody" TIPTON Republican Party	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	

### COURTHOUSE, SCHOOLHOUSE, WEST LAWN, AND ESTILL SPRINGS

<b>NONPARTISAN "SCHOOL CANDIDATES"</b>	
<b>MEMBER BOARD OF EDUCATION</b> 1st Educational District (Vote for One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Donna Arvin ISFORT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	

### BARNES MT., RED LICK, AND SOUTH IRVINE

<b>MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION</b> 2nd Educational District (Vote for One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tammy "Tambo" HARDY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda A. HARDY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	

### COURTHOUSE, ESTILL SPRINGS, AND WHITE OAK

<b>MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION</b> 4th Educational District (Vote for One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Carrie Mirray SMALLWOOD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	

### FORKS AND CEDAR GROVE

<b>NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT</b>	
<b>CITY COUNCIL</b> City of Ravenna (Vote for up to Six)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris SMYTH	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jody COLLETT	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tammy Smyth HOWELL	
<input type="checkbox"/> William "Budd" TUCKER	
<input type="checkbox"/> Valeri Henderson FLINCHUM	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bonita Bolton CALLAHAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	

RAVENNA

<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1</b>	
Section 1. Are you in favor of creating a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to crime victims, as proposed in Section 2 below?	
SECTION 2. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:	
To secure for victims of criminal acts or public offenses justice and due process and to ensure crime victims a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems, a victim, as defined by law which takes effect upon the enactment of this section and which may be expanded by the General Assembly, shall have the following rights, which shall be respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than the protections afforded to the accused in the criminal and juvenile justice systems: victims shall have the reasonable right, upon request, to timely notice of all proceedings and to be heard in any proceeding involving a release, plea, sentencing, or in the consideration of any pardon, commutation of sentence, granting of a reprieve, or other matter involving the right of a victim other than grand jury proceedings; the right to be present at the trial and all other proceedings, other than grand jury proceedings, on the same basis as the accused; the right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay; the right to consult with the attorney for the Commonwealth or the attorney's designee; the right to reasonable protection from the accused and those acting on behalf of the accused throughout the criminal and juvenile justice process; the right to timely notice, upon request, of release or escape of the accused; the right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in setting bail, determining whether to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction; the right to full restitution to be paid by the convicted or adjudicated party in a manner to be determined by the court, except that in the case of a juvenile offender the court shall determine the amount and manner of paying the restitution taking into consideration the best interests of the juvenile offender and the victim; the right to fairness and due consideration of the crime victim's safety, dignity, and privacy; and the right to be informed of these enumerated rights, and shall have standing to assert these rights. The victim, the victim's attorney or other lawful representative, or the attorney for the Commonwealth upon request of the victim may seek enforcement of the rights enumerated in this section and any other right afforded to the victim by law in any trial or appellate court with jurisdiction over the case. The court shall act promptly on such a request and afford a remedy for the violation of any right. Nothing in this section shall afford the victim party status, or be construed as altering the presumption of innocence in the criminal justice system. The accused shall not have standing to assert the rights of a victim. Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the prosecuting attorney. Nothing in this section or any law enacted under this section creates a cause of action for compensation, attorney's fees, or damages against the Commonwealth, a county, city, municipal corporation, or other political subdivision of the Commonwealth, an officer, employee, or agent of the Commonwealth, a county, city, municipal corporation, or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, or an officer or employee of the court. Nothing in this section or any law enacted under this section shall be construed as creating:	
(1) A basis for vacating a conviction; or	
(2) A ground for any relief requested by the defendant.	
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	

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<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2</b>	
Section 1. Are you in favor of changing the term of Commonwealth's Attorneys from six-year terms to eight-year terms beginning in 2030, changing the terms of judges of the district court from four-year terms to eight-year terms beginning in 2022, and requiring district judges to have been licensed attorneys for at least eight years beginning in 2022, by amending the Constitution of Kentucky to read as stated below?	
Section 2. It is proposed that Section 97 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: In the year two thousand, and every six years thereafter, there shall be an election in each county for a Circuit Court Clerk, and, until the year two thousand thirty, for a Commonwealth's Attorney, in each circuit court district, unless that office be abolished, who shall hold their respective offices for six years from the first Monday in January after their election, and until the election and qualification of their successors. Beginning in the year two thousand thirty, and every eight years thereafter, there shall be an election for a Commonwealth's Attorney in each circuit court district, unless that office be abolished, who shall hold his or her office for eight years from the first Monday in January after his or her election, and until the election and qualification of his or her successor.	
Section 3. It is proposed that Section 119 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: Justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the Court of Appeals and circuit court shall severally hold their offices for terms of eight years, and until the year two thousand twenty-two, judges of the district court for terms of four years. Beginning in the year two thousand twenty-two, judges of the district court shall hold their offices for terms of eight years. All terms commence on the first Monday in January next succeeding the regular election for the office. No justice or judge may be deprived of his term of office by redistricting, or by a reduction in the number of justices or judges.	
Section 4. It is proposed that Section 122 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: To be eligible to serve as a justice of the Supreme Court or a judge of the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court or District Court a person must be a citizen of the United States, licensed to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth, and have been a resident of this Commonwealth and of the district from which he or she is elected for two years next preceding his or her taking office. In addition, to be eligible to serve as a justice of the Supreme Court or judge of the Court of Appeals or Circuit Court a person must have been a licensed attorney for at least eight years. Beginning in the year two thousand twenty two, no district judge shall serve who has not been a licensed attorney for at least eight years.	
Section 5. The eight-year licensure requirement for district judges set forth in the amendment to Section 122 of the Constitution shall not apply to any person serving as a district judge on the effective date of this amendment.	
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO	

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