



WOW: Word Of the Week

Eternity

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Through the years, I have learned a lot by listening to those who were older and wiser than I. A few years after I graduated from college and began local ministry, I thought one of the marks of success was to have an article published in one of the brotherhood periodicals. I remember the comment of an older preacher, “Most of what is being written is not eternal.” What did he mean? This older, experienced brother went on to mention a well-known editor and described him as one who was writing for eternity. I’ve never forgotten that conversation! **Writing for eternity!**

That conversation has guided my preaching efforts. How much of what is preached week after week in pulpits across our nation and around the world has little impact on eternity? One of my goals in preaching has been this: May I always be **preaching for eternity!**

I see other applications in the Christian life. Each of us would do well to ask ourselves, “Am I praying about eternity?” The question is especially pertinent for those who lead in public prayer. Is the church praying together about eternal matters? Or are our eyes focused on temporal blessings and concerns? In our prayers, does the eternal outweigh the temporary? Do our prayers often focus on the spiritual welfare of people? Do we pray often, regularly, fervently, about souls? **Are we praying for eternity?**

A fourth application is this: Each of us should **live for eternity**. Living with eternity in view is not easy in a world that daily distracts us with a multitude of tasks that seem so necessary for life in this world. May we remember that life in this world is not the ultimate goal. May other look at my life, at your life, and say, **“Now there is a person who living for eternity!”**