

# Grace Notes

## Life & Death

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Luke 12:20***

I've lost count of how many celebrities have passed away recently. David Carradine, Karl Malden, Michael Jackson, Billy Mays, Steve McNair....the list goes on, and they represent all ages.

It's times like these that two passages of Scripture come to mind, beginning with the one cited above, reminding me of how precious and unpredictable life is:

Luke 12:20 - (As Jesus was telling a story about a man who thought he was going to live a rich, long life, Jesus said,) *"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is required of you.'"*

James 4:13-14 - *Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.*

Translation: Life is a gift. Don't waste it. To quote the Scottish Olympic sprinter, Eric Liddell (portrayed in the movie, "Chariots of Fire"), *"We enter the starting blocks of life not knowing the length of the race. Our life may be a sprint or a marathon. We are not told in advance. All we can decide is how we will run."*

Paul put it this way: *"Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win." (1 Cor. 9:24)*

***Soli Deo Gloria, Nick***

