

THE BREVITY OF LIFE

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Life is short. How many times have you heard that comment? Think about how you feel when you hear about some tragic thing that has happened to a child. Or when you read about some young person who left us too soon. If you're like me, it makes you think about your own mortality. As we live day-to-day, we realize how quickly the days turn into weeks, and months, and before we know it, another year has gone by. There's a scripture that metaphorically addresses our time on this earth. James 4:14 says, "For what is your life? It is a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." The Bible compares our life to a vapor, and we all know that a vapor appears for a fleeting moment before it completely disappears.

As children, we can't wait to become adults so we can come and go as we please, and do things on our own terms. As adults, we sometimes wish that we could go back to the *good ol' days* when we were carefree children whose only responsibilities were to do our homework, clean our rooms and be in before dark.

The late Dr. Seuss, best known for writing children's books, dealt with the issue of time when he wrote this thought-provoking poem. "How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness, how the time has flewn. How did it get so late so soon?"

Time flies. If we're to live life to its fullest, we must make a conscious effort to enjoy and appreciate each of its precious stages, and live one day at a time.