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2008 Eternal Perspective Challenge

Hi, this is Mike Chetelat, president of the Christian Business Network.

I believe it is part of my responsibility as a Christian to use my God-given talents and gifts to build you up in Christ in order to present you mature and complete before you meet Him in person.

Perhaps there is no better time to do this than at the beginning of a brand new year. Would you allow me 3 minutes to ask you 3 questions and to quote 3 brief passages from Scripture?

Question #1: Are you living each of your precious remaining days with the end in clear view?

Psalm 39:4-8 - Show me, O LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life. You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath. Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: he bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it. But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you. Save me from all my transgressions; do not make me the scorn of fools.

Question #2: If your heart were a compass, where would true north point, and if your mind were a rudder, where would it be directing your ship?

Colossians 3:1-4 - Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Question #3: Do you have a clear sense of the calling of God upon your life?

Philippians 3:12-16 - Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Thank you for allowing me these three precious minutes of your very busy life. May the Lord richly bless and prosper you in 2008 as you meditate on and apply these truths to your life!