

SO TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS, THAT WE MAY
APPLY OUR HEARTS UNTO WISDOM,

IT is always profitable to consider the value of time, and the importance of making improvement of it. The present season of the year affords additional reason for making a survey of the past events of our lives, and of looking forward to our interests in futurity. The text calls upon us to consider the shortness of this life, and to exercise wisdom in making provision for eternity. This is the wisdom that we should learn from numbering our days. We should examine into the state of our account with God ; and we should pray to God to assist us in making the revision, and in applying it to the improvement of our future time. If we would seriously consider the shortness of this life, and the value of eternity, and of our days here, in respect of their being the only time of preparation for another life ; and if we would frequently repeat these considerations, we should certainly be confirmed in the practice of true wisdom.

Our own days, our own lot, and duties, and the mercies and providences of God towards each of us in particular, is what we should chiefly consider. Into this account we can always examine ; and the result of this is of more importance to us than the concerns of all the world besides put together. If we do not take care of our own souls, we shall not do good to the souls of other men ; and

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