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How Fleeting is Life? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/6/26 9:20

I got this email from Andrew Strom and thought it was so good that I am now sharing it here.

May you all be blessed!

ginnyrose

HOW FLEETING is LIFE
-by Andrew Strom.

Most of you will have heard the sad news of the passing of two pop icons in one day yesterday. Farrah Fawcett was 63 and died after a long battle with cancer. Michael Jackson the "prince of pop", aged only 50, died in even sadder circumstances. How tragic that even the vast machinery of fame cannot shield its many lost sons from a lonely, miserable existence and an unhappy end.

No doubt Farrah Fawcett could look back on the glory years when young women around the world imitated her hairstyle and her "look". I can remember as a kid watching "Charlie's Angels", though I have to admit far preferring "The Six Million Dollar Man" as a 10-year-old. She will be remembered as a battler to the end, an icon of her era. But oh, how fleeting is life. And oh, how empty is fame. And oh, how pointless is earthly success when eternity stretches before all.

Michael Jackson could have looked back on years of pop glory and superstar fame - when his dance moves dazzled the whole world. But then came the surgeries, the bizarre behaviour, the ugly allegations, the court cases, the hundreds of million\$ of debt.

Like another famous "prince" of pop (actually - his father in law - Elvis Presley), he seemingly died unhappy and alone, his "comeback" unrealized, his fame a chain around his neck, his death a shock in one still so young. Elvis died at 42, and now his son-in-law Michael at 50. Fame seemingly does not take good care of its own when they pass their "use-by" date. And so the ephemeral idols of our shallow culture continue crashing down.

"For what is your life?" asks the apostle James. "It is a vapor that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away."

"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher of Ecclesiastes, "All is vanity... All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again."

If it is one thing we can learn from the life and death of every 'icon' on this planet, it is that we all must live with eternity in view, not the fleeting charade of this present world. As Leonard Ravenhill so eloquently asked, "Are the things you're living for worth Christ dying for?"

A sad day.

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God bless you all.

Andrew Strom.

Re: How Fleeting is Life? - posted by enid, on: 2009/6/26 9:32

Life is fleeting, so very fleeting. None of us are guaranteed tomorrow. None of us.

The news of these deaths seemed to have shocked so many. It might make people wake up and start asking questions about their own future.

The oldest man in Britain right now is 113 years old.

He still has to die, for none of us will live eternally on this earth.

God help us to live for His glory and His glory alone.

God bless.

Re: How Fleeting is Life? - posted by LoveGodsWay2, on: 2009/6/26 9:39

I have been thinking about this lately. Not just because of the deaths of famous people, but because of what happened last week.

My family & I were camping last week. Everything was going pretty well. Until my son (less than 4 years old) fell onto our oven roaster. His right hand & arm was burnt badly.

I thank God that a week later, he is fine and he will make a full recovery.

But it doesn't matter what your age is, God could call us to Himself at anytime. Tomorrow is not promised to us. If we get it, it's a gift from God for His use & glory.

Anyway, I have been reflecting on how I & my family spend our time. I think it was Leonard Ravenhill said that when you waste money, you can earn it back. But when you waste time, you can never get it back.

So my wife & I were talking last night. We desire to simplify our lives. Get rid of some time wasters and have more time with the King of Eternity.