

# 4 KEYS FOR LIVING WELL

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## *The* WAY OF BLESSING



### **GENESIS 48:21A ESV**

<sup>21</sup> Then Israel said to Joseph, “Behold, I am about to die...

### **GENESIS 49:1-7 ESV**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall happen to you in days to come.

<sup>2</sup> “Assemble and listen, O sons of Jacob, listen to Israel your father.

<sup>3</sup> “Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the firstfruits of my strength, preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power.

<sup>4</sup> Unstable as water, you shall not have preeminence, because you went up to your father’s bed; then you defiled it—he went up to my couch!

<sup>5</sup> “Simeon and Levi are brothers; weapons of violence are their swords.

<sup>6</sup> Let my soul come not into their council; O my glory, be not joined to their company. For in their anger they killed men, and in their willfulness they hamstringed oxen.

<sup>7</sup> Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce, and their wrath, for it is cruel!

I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

### **HEBREWS 10:24 KJV**

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

### **PROVERBS 16:32 ESV**

<sup>32</sup> Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

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Each time I think about my own death, I ask myself 3 kinds of questions to help me do that:

“Am I right in my relationship with God?”

“Am I right in my relationship with my family, my friends, with my co-workers? Are there any relationships I need to reconcile?

Are there words I need to say?”

“Am I investing myself into things that will last for eternity?”

The more I look to the life to come, the more nobly it makes me want to live the life I now have.

- Paul Powell, *When The Hurt Won't Go Away*

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If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most about the next.

It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.

- C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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There are many ways of describing or defining conversion. I like to put it like this: conversion is that process, through which the redeeming power of God brings all the powers of your being into perfect focus and coordination— by which He harnesses the wild horses of your nature to His majestic purpose and makes them servants of the new life in Christ.

- J. Wallace Hamilton, *Running the Wild Horses*

## NOTES

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*Purpose*

**LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS AND  
INVITE OTHERS INTO LIFE WITH HIM**

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