

## 2 Corinthians 4:14 - 18 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup>knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

<sup>15</sup>For all things *are* for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup>For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

<sup>18</sup>while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

### 1. Quick and Easy (*In light of eternity*)

<sup>17</sup>*For momentary, light affliction.....*

- “We suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time** are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Rom. 8:17-18).
- In this you greatly rejoice, **even though now for a little while, if necessary**, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:6-7)

### 2. Far beyond all comparison

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- In fact, the **eternal weight of glory** believers will experience is so much greater than the suffering of this life that Paul described it as **beyond all comparison**. The Greek text literally reads *hyperbole* (from which the English word *hyperbole* derives) *eis hyperbole*, forming a double expression for strongest emphasis.

The phrase means, “out of all proportion.” The **weight of glory** awaiting believers exceeds all limits; it is beyond the possibility of overstatement or exaggeration.

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**1 Corinthians 2:9 (NASB)** <sup>9</sup>but just as it is written,  
“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,  
AND *WHICH* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,  
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”

**Philippians 3:20 - 21 (NASB)** <sup>20</sup>For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;  
<sup>21</sup>who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

**Colossians 3:2 (NASB)** <sup>2</sup>Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

### 3. Tough, but temporary! (This too shall pass)

<sup>18</sup>*while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

- *Proskairos* (**temporal**) refers to things that are temporary, that do not last, that are destined to perish one day, that belong to time. In short, *proskairos* encompasses everything that is not eternal—all the material world’s temporal ideas, values, standards, and achievements.
- The allurements of the passing world system were of no interest to Paul. He was not interested in amassing a fortune, having a palatial estate, or a prominent career. That attitude made him seem, by worldly standards, a colossal failure

#### **MONDAY MORNING MOMENT: ACTION STEP -**

*Value the Eternal Over the Temporal*  
*Value the Future Over the Present*

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***Until a person is prepared to die, he is not really prepared to live!***