

## *How Much Time Do You Have?*

by Ruth Marr

When you look at the clock, does it ever strike you that your time is very short on this earth?

I'm desperately aware of it!

You see, I've had Parkinson's Disease for over 25 years.

I take medication and special nutrients costing up to \$200 a week, and thank the Lord, they've kept me alive. But the effectiveness of the medication is wearing off, and, as I take more and more, the side effects get worse and worse.

As I first wrote this, I was in agony. The pain in my ribs and waist was unbearable. I often can't stop wiggling because the medication has damaged nerve ends in the brain. This constant movement produces pain somewhere in my body most of the time unless I am massaged regularly.

The hallucinations have become nearly constant. –And when I'm immobilized by brain doesn't get enough oxygen, and the emotional stress is sometimes more than I can cope with!

There are still many things I'd like to do, places I'd like to go. I'd like to see the old farm where I was born once more. I'd like to see my brothers and sisters again. I'd like to enjoy another merry-go-round ride.

But these things aren't really important.

Eternal life is.

I can't possibly tell you how glad I am that death holds no great fear for me. I'm so glad I'm sure of where I'm going to spend eternity. And I'd like everyone else to be sure, too.

If you know Jesus, it's important that you go across the street and tell that neighbor Jesus loves him and died on the cross so he can have his sins forgiven and life eternal. Maybe he never heard, and if you don't tell him no one will, and he'll spend eternity in hell instead of heaven.

I'm naturally shy. And the disease makes it hard for me to write or talk. So how can I tell those I care for about Jesus?

Perhaps this little piece of paper will serve the purpose. It tells you that you're lost if you've never accepted my Friend, Jesus. It tells you that you need more than anything else in the world to receive Him as your Savior right now. Only then can you be sure of heaven.

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