

I. Self-Centered Approach

A. Selfish

- 1. Death in general doesn't scare us**
- 2. It is OUR death and/or the death of OUR loved ones that scares us**
 - a) Finality**
 - b) FOMO (Ours or theirs)**

B. Self-importance

- 1. We worry about those we will leave behind**
- 2. "What will they do without me?"**

C. Self-sufficiency

- 1. We believe we are in control**
 - a) Death is often unexpected and outside our control**

D. Self-trust

- 1. We trust in our knowledge and understanding**
 - a) We don't know what lies ahead or how it all works**

II. Savior Centered Approach (2 Cor. 5:15)

A. Adopt the Savior's Perspective

- 1. Every human life is precious & God desires all people repent & be saved from death (Ez. 18:23, 32)**
 - a) Finality - John 3:16**
 - b) FOMO - people are missing out on heaven**

B. Acknowledge the Savior's Importance

- 1. Jesus holds all things together (Col. 1:17)**
 - a) He can't hold all things together if he's dead**
- 2. "What will we/they do without the Savior?"**
 - a) Suffer everlasting torment**

C. Accept the Savior's Sufficiency (Heb. 7:27; 9:12, 28)

- 1. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient for all mankind's sins**
- 2. He knows the number of our days and is not caught off guard (Ps. 139:16)**

D. Absolutely Trust the Savior

- 1. Trust in the one who has already defeated death and the grave (2 Timothy 1:12; Prov. 3:5-6)**
- 2. Your inability to know or understand all that happens after death in no way limits God's ability to fulfill his promises**

III. Summation (1 Cor. 15:58)

A. Don't Depart from God (Be Anchored)

B. Die Daily (Be Obedient) [1 Cor. 15:31]

C. Don't Doubt Your Effectiveness (Be Assured)