In Relation to Eternity...

WRITE DOWN A FEW THINGS THAT HAVE BUGGED OR IRRITATED YOU LATELY. NOW, THINK ABOUT EACH OF THESE INCIDENTS IN RELATION TO ETERNITY.

IN ONE WEEK, ONE MONTH, OR ONE YEAR, IS THIS LITTLE THING THAT BOtherED YOU REALLY GOING TO MATTER? ARE YOU GOING TO BE BOtherED BY IT IN HEAVEN? ARE YOU EVEN GOING TO REMEMBER IT? WILL IT BE WORTH ALL THE ENERGY YOU PUT INTO STRESSING OVER IT?

Ummm, let’s see:
• I don’t have a good phone for gaming like Willard has.
• My dog tracked mud on the kitchen floor, and Mom asked me to mop it up.
• I didn’t come in first place at the swimming match.
• My parents expect me to eat salad sometimes.
Ask Jesus to help you when you start to get bothered over the little things of daily life. He’ll show you how, compared to eternity and the things that really matter, those things aren’t worth getting anxious about.

“Now we wait to receive the blessings God has for his children. These blessings are kept in heaven. They cannot be destroyed or lose their beauty” (1 Peter 1:4 ERV).

“Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing” (2 Timothy 4:8 ESV).

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