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3. Paul's confidence in his eternal destiny had an impact on his life now. How does your knowledge of where you are going affect
 - what you are doing now?
 - how you look at what is going on in your life?
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