



# *What would you do if you had only hours to live?*

Study Guide from the movie *Crank*  
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I grew up watching martial arts & suspense-thriller movies and have loved watching them ever since I was a kid. I remember going to the theater and drive-in with my dad to see one or two movies. I would watch those fighters use all their adrenaline to win the battle. Where did they get all that energy?

So I must be honest – when I saw the trailer for the new movie, *Crank*, it quickly moved to the top of my list of movies to see. (We will debate the issue of Christians watching movies another time.)

What would you do if you only had hours to live – and you would die if you stopped moving?

This is the premise of *Crank*. Chev Chilios (played by Jason Statham) is injected with a poison that will kill him when his heart rate drops below a certain level. Thus, he must keep moving – keep the adrenaline pumping – in order to live long enough to get the answers, seek revenge and find the antidote to save his own life.

It's hard to believe, but this movie opens the door to some serious thoughtful discussion. The Scriptures talk about these same issues. (I'm not sure that the writers/directors intended the movie to inspire a Bible study, but we will try it anyway). Let's begin with a couple basic questions.

## *A starting point!*

What is your personal view of death? Is it something to fear or something to look forward to (because you know where you will spend eternity)?

Do you feel that death is a relevant topic to talk about? Why or why not?

Scripture tells us that each of us has an appointment or destiny with Death. How many times have we attended funerals for those who passed away in the prime of their lives? Perfect health, the perfect family, the perfect life and then – a car accident or a shooting or a terminal illness ends it all.

King Solomon (the wisest man to ever live, according to the Scriptures) talks about the focus on death this way:

- ✚ Ecclesiastes 7:2 – It is better to spend your time at funerals than at festivals. For you are going to die, and you should think about it while there is still time. (New Living Translation)

The Apostle Paul says this:

- ✚ Hebrews 9:27 ... Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, (New International Version)

Robert Alton Harris (an American career criminal/murderer who was executed in San Quentin's gas chamber in 1992) said this:

- ✚ “You can be a king or a street sweeper, but everybody dances with the Grim Reaper.”

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*Going back to my original question...  
“With only hours to live, what would you do?”*

***Questions...to consider today!***

1. During your final hours, what are you going to do differently?
2. Who are you going to try to contact?
3. What do you plan to say to them?
4. How far are you willing to go to talk to them?
5. Is your sole purpose to share Christ with them?

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Rev. Richard Baxter was a preacher who lived from 1615 to 1691. He said, "I preached as never sure to preach again and as a dying man to dying men." How are you sharing your faith? Paul makes this statement to Philemon in the Book of Philemon (verse six) "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." (New International Version)

Remember – you and everyone you know will stand before the Great White Throne ...

➤ Revelation 20:11-15 “<sup>11</sup>And I saw a great white throne, and I saw the one who was sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. <sup>12</sup>I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done. <sup>13</sup>The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead in them. They were all judged according to their deeds. <sup>14</sup>And death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death – the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup>And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.” (New International Version)

6. Will they be thanking you at the Great White Throne for sharing your faith with them or cursing you for not?

So like are action hero (or victim, however you choose to view him in the movie), you have to decide what you're going to do in the next 24 hours, or maybe even the next few minutes. Because you are not promised tomorrow (or the next few minutes for that matter), what will you do with the time you have? What will you do differently as a result of this Bible study?

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