



Preparing For Your Future

Part 2

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DON'T WASTE TOMORROW!

Deuteronomy 30:15-19 (NIV) *“See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, ... You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess... I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life...so that you and your children may live.”*

James 4:13-17 *“Listen here, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to a certain city and we will stay there a year. We will do business there and we will make a profit.’ How do you know what will happen tomorrow? For your life is like the morning fog—it’s here a little while, then it’s gone. What you ought to say is, ‘IF it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.’ Otherwise you will be boasting and bragging and all such boasting is evil. Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but doesn’t do it, sins.”*

MISTAKES TO AVOID

James 4:13 *“You who say... ‘Today or tomorrow **WE WILL** go to a certain city and **WE WILL** stay there a year, and **WE WILL** do business there and **WE WILL** make a profit.’”*

1. _____ without God.

James 4:15 *“Instead, you ought to say, ‘IF it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.’”*

Proverbs 16:1-4a (TEV) *“We may make our plans, but God will have the last word. You may think everything you do is right, but the Lord judges your motives. Ask the Lord to bless your plans, and you will be successful in carrying them out. Everything the Lord has made has its **DESTINY!**”*

Proverbs 16:9 (NLT) *“We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.”*

Psalms 37:4 *“Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.”*

2. _____ **about tomorrow.**

James 4:14 & 16 *“How do you know what will happen tomorrow? For your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone... you will be boasting and bragging and all such boasting is sin.”*

Isaiah 56:12 *“‘Come!’ cries each one. ‘Let’s drink our fill of beer and tomorrow will be like today or even better.’”*

Proverbs 27:1 (NIV) *“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.”*

Proverbs 22:3 (LB) *“A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.”*

Proverbs 21:31 *“You can get your horses ready for battle, but it’s the Lord who gives victory.”*

3. _____ **what’s right.**

James 4:17 *“Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but doesn’t do it, sins.”*

Matthew 25:42-43 *“I was hungry and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty and you didn’t give me something to drink... I was sick and I was in prison and you didn’t visit me.”*

Proverbs 3:27-28 (NIV) *“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, ‘Come back later; I’ll give it tomorrow’-- when you now have it with you.”*

Bible versions key: NIV-New International Version, CEV- Contemporary English Version, GN-Good News Bible, NLT-New Living Translation, NCV-New Century Version, MES-The Message

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