

Don't Waste Tomorrow

SERIES: LIFE RESET – Part 7

Preparing for Your Future

“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.” James 4:13-17

MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. SETTING GOALS WITHOUT GOD

“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.’”

James 4:13

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

“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 16:1-4a (TEV)

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

2. PRESUMING ABOUT TOMORROW

“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.” James 4:14, 16

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

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

3. PROCRASTINATING DOING WHAT'S RIGHT

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

“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.” Proverbs 3:27-28 (NIV)