

DON'T WASTE TOMORROW

Preparing for Your Future
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"Look here, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.' How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. What you ought to say is, 'If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.' Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it." James 4:13-17 (NLT)

MISTAKES TO AVOID

1.

"You say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to some city. We will stay there a year, do business, and make money.'" James 4:13 (NCV)

"Instead, you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'" James 4:15 (NIV)

"We may make our plans, but God has 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 16:1-4 (GNT)

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

2.

"How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. . . . You are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil." James 4:14, 16 (NIV)

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring." 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 (TLB)

3.

"Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but does not do it, sinning." James 4:17 (NCV)

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you'—when you already have it with you." Proverbs 3:27-28 (NIV)

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