

FAITH FOR YOUR FUTURE

Faith, Part 8

Pastor Ken Ritz * March 7, 2021 * New Life Vineyard Church

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. James 4:13-17

THREE MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. The first mistake: _____

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? Luke 14:28-30

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3

The Solution? Include God in your goal setting

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

2. The second mistake: _____

Why you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.... As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. James 4:14,16

"Come," each one cries, "let me get wine! Let us drink our fill of beer! And tomorrow will be like today, or even far better!" Isaiah 56:12

So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time. Matthew 6:34(LB)

The Solution? Live one day at a time

3. The third mistake: _____

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them. James 4:17

The Solution? Do it now

The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God. Luke 12:16-21

Listen! This is the hour to receive God's favor; today is the day to be saved! 2 Corinthians 6:2 (GN)