

## **Preparing For Your Future – Part 2 DON'T WASTE TOMORROW!**

“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!” Prov. 16:1-4a (TEV)

“We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.” Prov. 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.” Prov. 27:1 (NIV)

#### **3. Putting off what's right**

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

“I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you did not invite me into your house. I was without clothes, and you gave me nothing to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you did not care for me.” Matt. 25:42-43 (NCV)

“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.” Prov. 3:27-28 (NIV)