

Got FAITH? Get WISE!

Facing Your Future...Wisely
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3 Common 'Daily Pit Falls' Facing Our Future...

1 - We plan without God.

James 4:13 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."

The Solution: Put God as your priority!

James 4:15 What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

Proverbs 16:9 We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.

2 - We presume about tomorrow.

James 4:14 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.

Proverbs 27:1 Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring.

The Solution: Live one day at a time.

Matthew 6:34 "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."

3 - We put off doing good.

James 4:17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

2 Corinthians 6:2b On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

Proverbs 3:27-28 Do not withhold good....If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."

The Solution: Do it now!

3 Common 'Financial Pit Falls' Facing Our Future...

1 - Some hoard it.

James 5:3 Your gold and silver have become worthless. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This treasure you have accumulated will stand as evidence against you on the day of judgment.

James 5:2 Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags.

The Solution: Save it faithfully.

Proverbs 21:20 The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get.

2 - Some steal it.

James 5:4a For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The wages you held back cry out against you.

The Solution: **Make it honestly.**

Proverbs 13:11 Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows over time.

Proverbs 14:23 Work brings profit, but mere talk leads to poverty!

3 - Some waste it.

James 5:5a You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire.

The Solution: **Spend it wisely & give it generously.**

Proverbs 21:5 Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.

Proverbs 11:24-25 Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.