

Getting Ready for the Future
Preparing for Your Future

I. Introduction

- A. Joshua 7:13a (NLT) *“Get up! Command the people to purify themselves in preparation for tomorrow.”*

II. False Approaches to the Future

- A. Useless _____ about the future

1. Matthew 6:27 (NLT) *“Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?”*

- B. Arrogant _____

1. Proverbs 27:1 (NAS) *Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.*
2. Isaiah 56:12 (NAS) *“Come,” they say, “let us get wine, and let us drink heavily of strong drink; and tomorrow will be like today, only more so.”*
3. James 4:14-16 (NAS) ¹⁴*Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. ¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.” ¹⁶But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.*
4. Two reasons you should never presume to know the future:
a. Life is _____.
b. Life is _____.
5. Whatever you’re going to do with your life, _____!
_____!

- C. Faulty _____

1. James 4:13 (NAS) *Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.”*
2. What’s wrong is that there’s no _____ of _____ in this verse!
3. You are _____ without _____!
4. James 4:15 (NAS) *Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.”*

- D. Lazy _____

1. James 4:17 (NAS) *Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

III. The Wise Way to Deal With the Future

- A. _____!

1. I John 2:3-4 (NLT) ³*And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.*
2. II Corinthians 6:2c (NLT) *Indeed, the “right time” is now. Today is the day of salvation.*
a. Our next Water Baptism is February 27-28, 2021.
3. What is it that you’ve been _____ in, and now getting ready for your future, you want to start _____ God in?

IV. Conclusion