



“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” —John Wesley

Ever have someone tell you, “Don't put off tomorrow what you can do today?” Ever put it off anyway? Us procrastinators out there are silently laughing to ourselves, because we have a good system going—wait until the last minute to start homework and “work better” under pressure.

However, the most important question is this: Are you spending time with God today? Or are you waiting until tomorrow or some future date to “get right” with God?

A lot of us live our life with the “I-will-later” mentality. That is, until we have a sober moment of reality and realize that we are not promised tomorrow. Summer is one of those seasons of life that can go under the radar and our procrastination habits can come out in full force.

Questions:

Read Proverbs 21:5. What is the principle in this passage? [Hasty work is not quality work. Putting in the work will yield more in the long run.

Some of us are bigger procrastinators than others, but we all do it to some level. What are some things that you procrastinate on?

What are some of the dangers of procrastination? [Examples: Work not getting done; being late; procrastination affects others, not just you ...] Why do you think people procrastinate?

Often, our time in prayer, reading God's Word, and just spending time still before the Lord is where we procrastinate the most in life. But when we feel the least like praying or spending time with God, that is when we need to do those things the most! What excuses do you give yourself to avoid praying, reading God's Word, and spending time with Him?

Another area we procrastinate in is serving others. We are often so busy building and orchestrating our own lives that focusing on others is not on our radar.

Read Philippians 2:3-4. What is this passage telling us to consider? [We are to consider the interests and well-being of others.]

It may be easy to say we want to help others, but acting on it is a challenge. We might tell ourselves that once we get our own selves right and situated, *then* we will serve others. Or once we earn enough money, *then* we will start giving to the church. What are some of the things that stop you?

Read Proverbs 3:27-28. What principle is this passage telling us about serving? Is this easy to do? Why or why not? [If you have the opportunity to help, do it now, not later.]

Challenge for the Week: This week, pick an area where you can serve (church, nursing home, VBS, family, missionaries) and serve there this week in some capacity. Ask if the Lord is asking to give your time, money, or possessions.

Verses for the Week: Take time each day this week to read over these passages. Journal them in a notebook or in your phone. What are the principles and lessons found in these verses? If you had to sum up those lessons in one sentence, what would it be?

Day 1 - James 4:13-17  
Day 2 - Proverbs 21: 5;  
Day 3 - Proverbs 21:13  
Day 4 - Luke 12:33-34  
Day 5 - Matthew 5:42  
Day 6 - 1 John 3:18