

Time Runs Out

“I’ll do it later.” How many times have you heard or even used this phrase? Have you ever thought about how many concerns this has caused? Another word we could use is procrastination. I wonder how many times this has caused us to be late for appointments, not meet certain deadlines or caused others to worry because of our lack of concern for the task at hand. I’m sure that all of us are guilty of this to some extent but we don’t always have all the time in the world to get things done.

Maybe we are guilty of thinking, “I’ll just wait until tomorrow or next week then I’ll still have plenty of time.” James 4:14 reminds us, “...yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.” (Please finish reading the rest of the chapter.) We cannot afford the luxury of putting off those things we need to do. I’m not sure how many of us even consider the consequences.

The 17th verse of the chapter says, “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” How many of us today even think that delaying things or not getting something done is sinful and may be placing our very soul at risk? “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). When we separate ourselves from God by not doing the things He requires, we are running that risk.

One of the most commonly delayed decisions people can make is to become a Christian. “I’m young and I have plenty of time” is a common refrain. None of us know how much time we have on this earth and the attitude of “I’ll do it later” is not in your best interest. In Acts 26:27 & 28, when Paul was talking to King Agrippa, he said “I know that thou believest the prophets. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.”

Don’t put these things off for the consequences are just too costly.

For the elders,
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