



## How to Plan for the Future

1. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ God from your plans, instead...  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Him in every \_\_\_\_\_ about the future.

<sup>13</sup> Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." . . . <sup>15</sup> Instead, you ought to say, "**If it is the Lord's will**, we will live and do this or that." James 4:13, 15

*Mortals make elaborate plans, but God has the last word.*  
 Proverbs 16:1 (MSG)

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

*Seek the Kingdom of God **above all else**, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.* Matthew 6:33 NLT

2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ about the future, instead...  
 \_\_\_\_\_ live \_\_\_\_\_ at a time.

<sup>14</sup> Why, **you do not even know what will happen tomorrow**. What is your life? **You are a mist** that appears for a little while and then vanishes. . . <sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. James 4:14, 16

- Life is \_\_\_\_\_
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*Do not boast about tomorrow for you do not know what a day may bring.* Proverbs 27:1

*Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*  
 Matthew 6:34

3. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ doing good, instead...  
 Do it \_\_\_\_\_.

*If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.* James 4:17

<sup>27</sup> **Do not withhold good from** those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. <sup>28</sup> Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"— when you already have it with you. Prov. 3:27-28

## How to decide how to use your time:

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Study \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Seek wise \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_ you.
5. Choose \_\_\_\_\_.