

What Do You Have Planned for Tomorrow...?

One spring my wife and I decided to take the day (a Monday) and head to the Botanical Gardens. There was always something new in bloom. We planned to head out as soon as the kids were off to school, spend the morning at the gardens, and then have lunch together. We made our plan on Saturday.

We spent Sunday night in the ER with one of our daughters due to abdominal pain. Everything turned out OK, but we didn't get to bed until 2:00 a.m. (Ugh. Adjust plans for Monday.)

We all have our own stories, some humorous, some serious, some sad. Unexpected circumstances occurring and changing our plans, sometimes turning our world upside down.

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

--Proverbs 27:1

We know this one by heart, right?

We've experienced it a hundred times, right?

We don't really need a proverb in the Bible for this one! Right?

It is not a proverb that discourages *planning*. Rather, it discourages *boasting*...and something else.

A person who 'boasts' about tomorrow, is placing his confidence in a future outcome. That future outcome is based on his/her thinking and planning. That thinking and planning is confidence in oneself.

When a person boasts about tomorrow, he is *boasting about himself!*

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." ¹⁴Yet 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. ¹⁷Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

--James 4:13-17

There are many days with unforeseen circumstances that will affect the 'tomorrows' of life. Yet, for each one of us there will be one day that will have an eternal tomorrow. Plan wisely for that day.

