

# PREPARATION FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

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To some people, tomorrow means the future; and that speaks of your dreams, visions and aspirations for the future. The truth is that tomorrow is a continuation of today. This speaks of continuity in life, and the fact that your tomorrow is determined by the things you think, say, and do today. It means that your life today determines tomorrow. So, tomorrow is not going to be an accident but determined by your today. So, I can tell what your tomorrow will look like by closely studying how you live today.

1. Today's life is tomorrow's effect.
2. Tomorrow is a continuation of today.
3. Today's seed is tomorrow's harvest.
4. Life is all about sowing of seeds and making of harvests.

Tomorrow has already started. Life is progressive; there is no break, gulf or inactive moment. It is continuous. All that will happen tomorrow has already started by the things you think, say and do today. So, tomorrow will not be an accident but a manifestation of the foundations laid today and the harvest of the seeds sown today.

*Gen 8:22*

*22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*

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- Your life is a seed.
- Your thoughts are seeds.
- Your words are seeds.

*Prov 18:20-21*

*20 From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. 21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

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*Obad 15*

*15 "The day of the Lord is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head."*

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*Gal 6:7-9*

*7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9*

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- Your actions are seeds - every step you take is a seed that you are planting.
5. You prepare today what you want to see tomorrow.
  6. Your experience tomorrow is determined by the decisions of today.
  7. Preparation for tomorrow starts with a sincere analysis and judgment of yesterday and today.
    - You need to take a good and close look at how you have lived your life so far to determine why your life is how it is and what needs to be done to improve it and become better.
    - Without this self-examination, you cannot determine what needs to be corrected, attitudes to change, friendships and associations that are injurious to your person and life to be dropped or redefined, habits and daily routine to be changed, vocabulary or words to be dropped and changed, and areas of your life that needs to be overhauled.
    - Now is the time to start preparing yourself for tomorrow.

## **AREAS TO FOCUS ON**

### **1. Spiritual life**

- Be born again.
- Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Feed on the word of God daily in faith.
- Get committed to God and find something doing for the Lord.
- Witness for the Lord Jesus Christ and disciple converts.
- Participate in all church activities.
- Be prayerful.

### **2. Career**

- Determine what you want to become in life first.
- Let your vision be your motivation and work hard on your academics.
- Don't wait to be reminded to read and study hard. Let your vision move you to study hard.
- Put in your best to become the best you can be.
- Earn promotion through creativity and hard work.
- Have respect for your superiors and employers.
- Guard your utterances. Speak wisely and boldly what you want to see and you will not regret later.

### **3. Learn discipline**

- Submit to your parents and guardians to train and mature you.
- Do not resist discipline and leadership.
- Submit to your spouse.
- Discipline yourself in the areas you are weak so you can improve your life tomorrow.

- Learn discipline in managing time. Respect other peoples time by keeping appointments and avoiding time wasting in discussing endlessly on things that have no added value to the person and you.
- Be a disciplined worker. Let your employer be happy you are working for him or her. Set an example for others to follow.
- Eliminate all that mar your testimony and bring you reproach.

*Heb 12:4-13*

*4 In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! 10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. 12 Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. 13 "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.*

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*Eph 6:1-2*

*6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise-*

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Respect and obedience to parents proves that Jesus has really changed you and that you are cultivating good habits and character.

- Deal with the weakness in your life and let God have its way.

#### **4. Develop good character**

Integrity takes a man to the top. A man without good character will not go far in life. Whatever gains he makes, he will lose through bad behavior and evil character. It is therefore important that you begin now to develop good characters that will guarantee a successful and secure tomorrow. Work on your person and get rid of those things your spouse, family, brethren, colleagues and friends are complaining about in your life. Take it serious and get rid of them with the help of the Holy Spirit. Invest time and energy on this.

#### **5. Be a tomorrow thinker**

Focus on building your life for tomorrow. Through your lifestyle sow good seeds that you will harvest. Think of tomorrow and bear in mind that the things you say and do today will manifest in your tomorrow.

Give your tithes and offerings towards a bountiful financial harvest tomorrow. Giving today will guarantee tomorrow's provision.

As you live your life think of tomorrow.