

FACING THE FUTURE

ATTENTION:

Our young people are all special to us as a part of our church family. Congratulations to each of our graduates.

- You have reached a special time in your life and we want to celebrate it with you!
- May God lead and bless you as you are closing one chapter in your life and opening another new one.

ATTUNE: Share some thoughts we can all apply

The future represents the great unknown.

This morning I want offer three biblical principles as you move on with your futures:

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit.” ¹⁴ Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are like vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes.

¹⁵ Instead, you should say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” ¹⁶ But as it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So it is sin to know the good and yet not do it.
James 4:13-17

BODY:

1. Plan with God.

You who say, “Today or tomorrow we will...” You ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will...”

The problem for many of us is that we make our plans independent of God.

In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.
Proverbs 16:9

Make your plans with God in mind!?

Don’t make your plans and asked God to bless them but put in right the center of all of your plans for the future.

Seek God for your direction.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
Psalms 119:105

2. Realize Your Limited Knowledge Of Future.

When we make plans for the future we believe that we know what the future will hold.

We assume that all is going to go well but who knows what tomorrow will bring?

¹⁴ Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are like vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes....
James 4:14

Life is brief; we need to walk with God!

3. Don’t Take A Break From God.

When facing the future after graduation many young people decide to take a little break from serving God.

I want to remind you about what James says about this.

Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.
James 4:17

Include God in your plans, admit that your life is in His hands, and follow Him today and always.