

1. THE YESTERDAY MIND - 2. THE TODAY MIND - 3. THE TOMORROW MINDSCRIPTURES

1. Matthew 6:34; "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."
2. Hebrews 13:8; "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

INTRODUCTION

1. Only three tenses of time: PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE. That is all of it: PERIOD
1. YESTERDAY: is past.
 2. TODAY: is present.
 3. TOMORROW: is future.
2. We are not in YESTERDAY: the past. We are not in TOMORROW: the future. We are in TODAY: the present.
3. In a sense these three periods might be described as:
1. The morning of life.
 2. The mid-day of life.
 3. The evening of life.

LET US CONSIDER THE THREE MINDS. First:1. THE YESTERDAY MIND

1. Paul had in mind the YESTERDAY MIND when he admonished in Phil. 3:13, "Forgetting those things which are behind."
2. The YESTERDAY MIND lives in the past and is very largely controlled by the experiences of the past.
 1. The YESTERDAY MIND drags along too much of the past.
 2. Many have been fatally crippled and paralyzed simply by carrying along some things of yesterday which they should have let go.
 3. Living in the past reveals the failure of the YESTERDAY MIND.
3. The YESTERDAY MIND has all the features of a modern "fire sale."
 1. Scorched and burned clothing hanging everywhere.
 2. Secondhand clothing, usually useless, not worth the price, hanging about.
 1. The YESTERDAY MIND is filled with used, worthless clothing.
4. The YESTERDAY MIND is cluttered with past experiences and conditions and is wholly governed by such experiences and conditions. Examples:
 1. In the "depression days" of the thirties there was a small band of Christians that some times did not contribute enough to pay the \$8.00 per week salary for their preacher. What did they?:
 1. Some of the good brethren had to go down into their pockets and make up the differences.
 2. They should have given it in the first place and they would have had the money. But we hoped some one else would give more!
 2. For a long time one good brother in that Texas congregation remembered this having to go deeper into their pockets for the difference in what they gave and the \$8.00 per week promised the preacher. Examples of the YESTERDAY MIND:
 1. When any work of the congregation came up that involved some money this good brother would say, "I remember when?"
 2. The appliance salesman might say, "Lady, I remember in the depression days that stove sold for \$74.00. I think that I would not buy it today at a \$150.00, it might go back to \$75.00.
 3. The bank teller might say, to the prospective depositor, "Fellow, I remember when in the thirties when most of the banks failed. I don't think that I would deposit that \$10,000 in this bank today for the banks may fail again!"
 4. How long would this salesman and bank teller remain in their jobs?
 1. Yet all of this is the very philosophy that some otherwise shrewed business men use when it pertains to the present day needs of the church.
 2. This is the YESTERDAY MIND pure and simple: the mind of a failure.

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2. THE TOMORROW MIND (James 4:13, 15; Matthew 6:34) What the TOMORROW MIND is:

1. The TOMORROW MIND is the mind of every failure as the YESTERDAY MIND.
 1. The TOMORROW MIND is the mind of delay.
 2. The TOMORROW MIND is the mind that "puts off" until tomorrow that which should be done today.
 3. The TOMORROW MIND is the satisfied mind and its philosophy shows up in the expression:
 1. "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." This is the philosophy of every coward in the world.
 2. He is satisfied with present accomplishments and too lazy to make any effort to improve them.
 3. He is satisfied with one bird when with a little effort he might have two or even three.
2. The TOMORROW MIND is a crippling mind.
 1. The TOMORROW MIND completely disarms one and leaves one wholly unprepared to cope with today's duties.
 2. The TOMORROW MIND, which is the MIND OF DELAY, the "putting off" mind, will completely blind one so that one cannot see, or even recognize present duties even though he is looking right at them.
 3. The TOMORROW MIND can be described as the MIND OF GOOD INTENTIONS. I intended to as expressed in these lines:

Mr. Meant-to has a comrade,
And his name is Didn't-do,
Did you ever chance to meet them?
Did they ever call on you?

These two fellows live together,
In the house of never-win;
And I am told that it is haunted

3. The TOMORROW MIND a' With the ghost of might-have-been!
3. The TOMORROW MIND ALWAYS SAYS "tomorrow." What "tomorrow" is:
 1. Tomorrow is the philosophy of fools. In Proverbs 27:1 we read, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." See again James 4:13-15.
 2. Tomorrow is the day that never is; the day in which procrastinators place their trust and rest their hopes and dig their hopeless graves.
 3. Tomorrow is the lamp that went out to leave many in eternal darkness.
 4. Tomorrow is the Guillotine that has beheaded all the hope of heaven for many.
 5. Tomorrow is the key that has locked many in dungeons of despair and has imprisoned her thousands behind the bars of hell. Finally:
 6. Tomorrow is the road that leads to the house of Never-win forever haunted by the ghost of Might-have-been. See Acts 24:24-26.

3. THE TODAY MIND What is the TODAY MIND? The TODAY MIND is:

1. The TODAY MIND does not reach back into the YESTERDAYS to drag up skeletons nor reach into the future to lead itself down with imaginary events that may never happen in the first place.
2. The TODAY MIND is not the mind that says, "Go thy way for this time (today); when I have a convenient season (tomorrow) I will call for thee." Acts 24:25
3. What some scriptures say about you and today:
 1. 2 Cor. 6:2; "...Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
 2. Heb. 4:7; "...Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
3. Final note: Satan, the arch enemy, the malicious enemy of your soul, says TOMORROW! What do you say?
 1. THE MAGAZINE HEADLINES: TOMORROW'S BEST JOBS! Where will they be?
 1. No matter where the jobs will be if you fail to prepare today. to-
 2. TOMORROW'S HEAVEN: Where will it be? No matter where unless you prepareday

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