

yesterday, TODAY, tomorrow or TOMORROW?

"Don't long for 'the good old days.' This is not wise."

King Solomon | Ecclesiastes 7:10 (NLT)

Good ol' yesterday?

It seems like my mind continually wants to drift back to the good ol' days. Things were simpler back then. No cell phones, no fear of walking through town at night, life was slower… and no crises. Ahhh… In those days, when I watched TV, I didn't have to worry about a "surprise" hot sex scene or the constant barrage of the perverse sexual agenda. Yes, life was much better then… but was it really?

Perhaps in some ways, but you know how our minds work; we forget the hard stuff. Imagine days without air travel? Or endless hours spent

in the library looking up references for a paper that you were writing by hand? Progress has been good for our lives… but not entirely.

TODAY is a Present

Then there is TODAY, truly a gift! Think of time spent with a cute baby or on a hike with your son. Or that first warm, crystal-clear day after a long winter. Birds singing and flowers blooming… sweet! Or how your heart is filled as you help someone who really needs you. We should relish TODAY!

Reflect: **How present am I in my TODAY's?**

Jesus made TODAY a priority:
"So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today." Jesus Christ (Matthew 6:34)

He knew the importance of TODAY and set an example of how to live fully in it. He was incredibly present with everyone he met; he never seemed to be in a hurry. If only we could be more like him!

Why is it so hard for us to stay focused on TODAY?

Seems like all we do is regret what happened yesterday or worry about what might come tomorrow. I remember hearing:

"Don't let your worry about tomorrow steal your joy for today."

It’s been shown that over 90% of what we worry about never happens, so what’s the attraction?

How much of TODAY do you spend worrying about tomorrow?

Even longing for the good ol’ days detracts from TODAY—makes TODAY seem inferior (a form of whining?)

Both longing for yesterday and worry about tomorrow suck the wind out of your sails!

Consider: **Will tomorrow will be any better?**

I’m pulled by the hope that tomorrow will be a better day…. Yes, tomorrow will come and it will be better. Right? It’s almost like I want to take the good from the “good ol’ days” and project it into tomorrow along with all of the world’s advancements to boot. Surely, things will be better tomorrow: my party will win the election, the stock market will be up, maybe I’ll get promoted, AI will make my life more efficient… think of all the cool new things you’ll be able to do with your phone… seems like Heaven!

Yes, lots of great things are ahead, but what comes along with them?

I’ve also heard it said that:

“Today is yesterday’s tomorrow.”

When we think about tomorrow, we can’t ignore all of the disastrous trends we see happening… moral demise, global warming, thousands of species going extinct, our environment stripped of its natural beauty. If tomorrow includes all of this, I’m not interested. Why would I long for this?

As it stands, tomorrow looks like more of the same.

And then there’s TOMORROW.

When the Israelites were at Meribah, lacking water, they quarreled with Moses, going so far as to wish for the “good ol’ days when they were slaves in Egypt.” Really!

“If only you would listen to his voice today! The Lord says, “Don’t harden your hearts as Israel did at Meribah, as they did at Massah in the wilderness. (Psalm 95:7-8)

What if we heeded the psalmist’s advice and learned to listen to the Lord’s voice in the gift of TODAY?

As we do, he’ll lead us to long for a different tomorrow… call it TOMORROW – AKA Heaven.

My heart jumps with joy as I think about this TOMORROW… Me, solidly

in God's presence. Trouble, angst, doubt, fear, frustration, and hurt wonderfully absent. Surrounded by beauty, with everything humming in perfect harmony and "technology" beyond our wildest imagination.

I wonder, why waste my time longing for anything short of this?

This is what I've concluded:

Live for TODAY while longing for TOMORROW.

Let yesterday fade into the sunset—it wasn't as good as you think. And let your vision for tomorrow vanish in the clouds—it will never meet your expectations.

Imagine: **Living on Mission amid the Magical Mix.**

Create a magical mix as you bring the hope of TOMORROW into the presence of TODAY. As I write this, I can feel a warmth coming over me. Try it!

The crux of living this life is doing the work God has you here to do TODAY—your Mission. Bring the hope of TOMORROW to the people you encounter TODAY!

Where will you place the focus of your life? On…

yesterday, TODAY, tomorrow or TOMORROW?

Get off the grid and ask these questions

Coach's Questions:

- **Reflect:** *Where have I been spending most of my focus—on yesterday or tomorrow? How is this hurting me?*
- **Ask:** *What can I do to refocus my thinking on TODAY and TOMORROW?*
- **Challenge:** As you go through TODAY, pay attention to your thoughts. Catch yourself drifting and redirect them back to TODAY and TOMORROW.
- Further insights: Loose -- Tight Living, Be it More Do it More
- Don't know my Mission—Start here!

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Press into TODAY and TOMORROW!

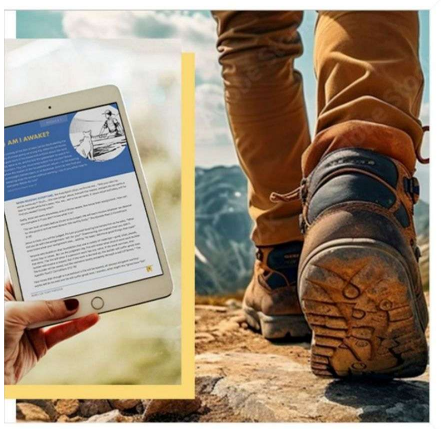
"No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us."

The Apostle Paul | Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)

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