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Pro – forward

Crastinus – of tomorrow

Procrastination is a behavior which is characterized by the deferment of actions or tasks to a later time

to defer action; delay: to procrastinate until an opportunity is lost

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“People, who wait for all conditions to be perfect before acting, never act.”

Nothing happens until something moves. –
Einstein

You may delay, but time will not. –
Benjamin Franklin

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Acts 24 : 24 – 25

“Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.”

Acts 26 : 27 – 29

“you almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

Luke 9 : 59 – 62

“No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Exodus 18 : 20

“...teach them the statutes...show them the way they should walk and the work they must do.”

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Eight steps to stop procrastinating

Visualize the end from the beginning

Count the cost

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When procrastination sets in, sometimes it is because we have bitten off more than we can chew. Before putting a task on your list, be realistic about the time, cost, interest and expertise that the task will require.

Luke 14 : 28 – 33

When procrastination sets in, sometimes it is because we fail to realize what procrastination does to our souls. Before putting off the work of the Lord, be realistic about the cost and damage that procrastination leads to.

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When we fail to work...

Matthew 25 : 14 – 30 (modified)

II Thessalonians 3 : 10

“For even when we were with you, we commanded you this:
If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.”

Hebrews 6 : 9 – 10

The Lord remembers your work.

I Corinthians 15 : 55 – 58

James 1 : 24 – 25

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When we put treasure / pleasure first...

Romans 8 : 18

What do you consider your soul to be worth?

Mark 10 : 17 – 22

“But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.” (22)

Matthew 6 : 19 – 21

Why do we think that we can take the world with us?

I John 2 : 15 – 17

“And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

Matthew 16 : 26

Mark 8 : 36, Luke 9 : 25

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When we don't talk with...

Those who are lost

John 6 : 37, 44

John 14 : 6

Acts 4 : 10 – 12

Those who are lost stay lost.

An erring brother / sister

Galatians 4 : 8 – 11

James 5 : 19 – 20

II Peter 2 : 19 – 21

They stay an erring brother / sister

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Warnings

Never consider the time it takes to be a Christian as a negative. Instead consider what it would cost not to take the time.

Revelation 20 : 11 – 15

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (15)

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