#### **Procrastination**

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

"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

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."

Eight steps to stop procrastinating

Visualize the end from the beginning

Count the cost

**Brainstorm** 

Make a public commitment

Gather material

Break it down. Do it one step at a time

Sweat it out for ten minutes

Set the bar low

#### Make a public commitment

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#### Make a public commitment

Shout it to the World

Joshua 24: 15

What was Joshua saying?

Matthew 4:10

You shall only worship God

Matthew 6:24

Its one or the other

Daniel 3: 16 – 18

We will serve God and no other

#### Make a public commitment

Shout it to the World

Acts 8: 34 - 37

What was the Eunuch saying?

Matthew 10:32

Jesus is the son of God

Romans 10:8-9

With the mouth Confession is made unto salvation

Psalm 119:46

I am not ashamed

#### Make a public commitment

Shout it to the World

Matthew 16: 16

#### What was Peter saying?

John 1: 29 – 34

Jesus is the Lamb of God

Hebrews 10:1-7,10-14

Jesus is the perfect sacrifice

Acts 4: 10 – 12

He is the chief cornerstone, the only name that we can be saved by

Acts 2: 22 - 24, 29 - 34, 36

Jesus was prophesied, and is Lord and Christ

#### Make a public commitment

Warnings

We make public commitments with our words and our actions

Peter's Denial

Mark 14: 66 – 72

Peter withdrawing from Gentiles

Galatians 2 : 11 – 13

Paul's attitude

II Timothy 1: 12

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