

Planning For The Future



Text: Luke 14:25-33

I. Introduction

- It's always better to plan ahead

II. Jesus Is Asking Us To Reflect On Our Lives And Not Simply React To Our Lives

- A lot of us live that way – we act before we think
- Likewise it's tragic to put off accepting Christ
- *"Failing to plan means planning to fail"*

III. A Couple Of Reasons Why Some People Refuse To Plan Ahead

- (1) Helplessness...we think we really can't change anything
- (2) We don't want to change...it might mean we will have to make some sacrifices
- So...how do we start to plan ahead?

IV. Let's Begin With The E_____ In M_____

- *If you were to die this week and I had to preach your funeral, would I have to lie just to preach you into Heaven?*

V. Let Me Challenge You To Begin To Make Just Some Sound Choices

- Just a few degrees could change your final life destination
- *"I'd rather see where I'm going than remember where I've been"*

VI. Conclusion

- Where are you headed in life...Heaven or Hell?
- Ten things God won't ask on the final day
 1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove...but He **will** ask how many people you helped who didn't have transportation of their own
 2. God won't ask what the square footage of your house was...but He **will** ask how many people you welcomed into your home

3. God won't ask about the clothes in your closet...but He **will** ask how many poor people you helped to clothe
4. God won't ask what your salary was...but He **will** ask if you compromised your character to obtain it
5. God won't ask what your job title was...but He **will** ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability to His glory
6. God won't ask how many great and wonderful feats you performed...but He **will** ask "Did you bear fruit for My Kingdom"
7. God won't ask how many friends you had...but He **will** ask how many people to whom you were a friend
8. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived...but He **will** ask how you treated your neighbors
9. God won't ask about the color of your skin...but He **will** ask about the content of your character
10. God won't ask why it took so long to seek salvation, but if you will accept His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, He **will** take you to a mansion in Heaven and **not** to the gates of Hell