**These Perilous Times**

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**“Tomorrow is not Promised-Yesterday is Gone”**

**What About Today?**

 Many years ago, my dad use to quote a phrase; “don’t put off until tomorrow that which can accomplished today.” I’m sure he didn’t “coin” the phrase, however, it makes perfectly good sense. According to scripture, no one knows what another day may bring so why anticipate it before it gets here? On the other hand, we need to live for today, and be prepared, and prepare others for Jesus’ return, which is future-perhaps tomorrow?

“Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Matthew 6: 34 NKJV

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell the Season**

 By way of observation, I’ve noticed that there are many people (even Christians) who apparently live *in the past*, you know, “the good ole days,” *when everything was the way it should be*. Then, there are those who always seem live for tomorrow; you know, I’ll attend to it tomorrow when things are better; *while the present stealthily* escapes their notice.

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. Proverbs 27:1 NKJV

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

 “I have been shown that the most signal victories and the most fearful defeats *have been on the turn of minutes*. God requires promptness of action*. Delays, doubtings, hesitation, and indecision* frequently give the enemy every advantage.

 The timing of things may tell much in the favor of truth. Victories are frequently *lost through delays.* There will be crises in this cause. *Prompt and decisive action at the right time will gain glorious triumphs, while delay and neglect will result in great failures and positive dishonor to God*… The greatest promptness is positively necessary in the hour of peril and danger. Every plan may be well laid to accomplish certain results, and *yet a delay of a very short time may leave things to assume an entirely different shape*, and the great objects which might have been gained *are lost through lack of great foresight and prompt dispatch*,” (Italics supplied). [[1]](#footnote-1)

“In our work together with God, then, we beg you who have received God’s grace not to let it be wasted. Hear what God says: When the time came for Me to show you favor, I heard you; when the day arrived for Me to save you, I helped you. Listen! This is the hour to receive God’s favor; *today is the day to be saved*.” TEV (Italics supplied)

**Not Tomorrow, but Today is the day of Salvation?**

 

1. E. G. White. Gospel Workers, p. 134. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)