

Think It Over: This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- Are you more of a today person or more of a tomorrow person? Why do you think that is? How can either be a strength or a weakness? Yet, it seems more people don't give thought to tomorrow with action. Why do you think that is? How should it affect our lives that our tomorrows are more predictable than we want to acknowledge?
- Read Proverbs 27:12 and Galatians 6:7-8 from the Message Guide. Review the *Two Kinds of Tomorrow Makers* section. Which person do you relate to the most? How can you increase your function as a wise person rather than falling into the trap of the unwise person? What thoughts might become your world tomorrow? Are you encouraged or discouraged by that anticipated future?
- Review the *How do I stop making dumb decisions?* section. "Dumb" might be a strong word, what word would you use instead? In what ways are you pursuing wisdom and seeing that it actually works in your everyday life? What needs to take place for those two concepts to be your way of life more and more?
- Why is it so easy to be inconsistent? What does Paul have to say about it personally? Why is constancy in our life based more on a person than a principle and/or program? What can cause you to lose sight that *Jesus can and does*? Why do you need Jesus to work in the place of your inconsistent heart?
- What's the one thing you want most? What do you need to do now to have what you want most?

Next Steps: Write out the Bottom Line and post where you will see it often. What can you do repeatedly in your todays so that they define and become your tomorrows? Decide today to push through the barriers of your todays so your tomorrows will be brighter.

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



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Our tomorrows are much more predictable than we want to acknowledge.

¹²The wise [prudent] see danger [evil; trouble] ahead and avoid it, but fools keep going [go straight to it] and get into trouble [or are punished].
Proverbs 27:12 EXB

*⁷...What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others — ignoring God! —
⁸harvests a crop of weeds...*
Galatians 6:7-8 MSG

Two Kinds of Tomorrow Makers

¹²Sensible people will see trouble coming and avoid it, but an unthinking person will walk right into it and regret it later.
Proverbs 27:12 GNB

➤ The wise person understands that life is connected.

➤ The road I'm on always determines where I end up.

➤ It's often the small things that no one sees that result in the tomorrows that everyone wants.

¹⁰Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin...
Zechariah 4:10 NLT

Today's thoughts become your words.

Words become your actions.

Actions become your habits.

Habits become tomorrow's world.

➔ The unwise person lives as though life is disconnected.

➤ Everybody ends up somewhere, but very few end up somewhere on purpose.

➤ Discipline is choosing between what you want now/today and what you want most/tomorrow.

How do I stop making dumb decisions?

➔ Pursue Wisdom

¹³Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, ¹⁴for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. ¹⁵She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Proverbs 3:13–15 NIV

➔ Apply Wisdom

¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed. Proverbs 3:16–18 NIV

Why am I so inconsistent?

¹⁵I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. Romans 7:15 NLT

¹⁸For I know that nothing good lives within the flesh of my fallen humanity. The longings to do what is right are within me, but willpower is not enough to accomplish it. ¹⁹My lofty desires to do what is good are dashed when I do the things I want to avoid. ²⁰So if my behavior contradicts my desires to do good, I must conclude that it's not my true identity doing it, but the unwelcome intruder of sin hindering me from being who I really am. Romans 7:18–20 TPT

²⁴ I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? ²⁵ The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different. Romans 7:24–25 MSG

It's more than a principle
and/or a program, it's a person.

Rule yourself/today: Your world/tomorrow is
the sum of all your habits.

What do you want most tomorrow? _____

What do you need to do today to have what you want
most tomorrow? _____

Bottom Line:

Our tomorrows are made up of
what we do repeatedly in our todays.

Resources for this series include messages from Life Church, North Point Community Church, Saddleback Church, and Mecklenburg Church.

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