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Proverbs 6:3-6-

“The Choice is Yours”

Introduction:

A true story is told of an unemployed cleaning woman who noticed a few bees buzzing around the attic of her home. There were only a few, so she kept delaying to take action. Over the summer the bees continued to fly in and out of her attic vent while this woman procrastinated. The attic was becoming a growing city of bees. The whole attic became a huge bee-hive, and eventually the ceiling of the second-floor bedroom finally caved in under the weight of hundreds of pounds of honey and thousands of angry bees. The woman escaped serious injury however she was unable to repair the damage caused by her procrastination. Procrastination will almost always cost you something. What does it mean to procrastinate? - to put off, delay, postpone, adjourn, dally, drag your feet, defer. There is no positive definition of this word. We often put things off until tomorrow what we ought to do today or need to do right now!

I. Procrastination is the Enemy of Improvement.

1. Solomon give a wonderful Proverb on acting now not later in chapter 6. He wrote 3,000 proverbs, several songs, and he wrote books on biology and botany and so he was a man who was very familiar with nature. Nature speaks to us about being timing. He is saying don't put things off; do it now! Don't rest until you make the choice to do it. Spare yourself like a gazelle escaping from a hunter, like a bird fleeing from a net. Get out of the addiction now! Don't get cause in that trap, in that bondage, in that misery be wise like the ants.

2. Gloria Pitzer has written a clever little poem: Procrastination is my sin - It brings me naught but sorrow. I know that I should stop it, In fact, I will...tomorrow.

The right time is God's time, not our time. When he speaks to us we need to response. A wise person will resolve to stop putting things off. Often we will response by saying I'll get to it tomorrow. *Prov 27: 1 “Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”*

Dawson Trotman, the founder and first president of The Navigators, once said, "The greatest time wasted is the time getting started."

Procrastination keeps people from getting save now, not later.

Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. Isaiah 55:6 - gospel

(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) --- II Corinthians 6:2

The choice is yours!

4. Many men give no attention, or little, to anything outside of what they consider to be their immediate needs for survival, success or pleasure. Everything else can wait! However, if you have an addiction the time to act is now, not later. The choice is yours!

The most dangerous of all delusions is that there is plenty of time. **James 4:17**

II Procrastination is the enemy of spiritual growth -Romans 12:10-13;

1. We find ourselves saying, "I know that my Bible knowledge would increase if I came to class, but I'll start tomorrow. Or, "I've been wanting to start singing in choir and I've been planning to begin tithing my income, but we've been so busy that we just haven't gotten to it yet. Maybe we can get started tomorrow. We put off serving the Lord and growing in grace.

2. The Word of God tells us many things to do for one another. We are to "love one another." We are to "pray for one another." We are to "bear one another's burdens." We are to "extend hospitality to one another." We are to "forgive one another." And the list goes on & on. This is what helps us grow together. Procrastination is the enemy of church growth because unless you get started Christian fellowship will fail and impede the growth of our church.

Conclusion:

Procrastination Robs You of Opportunities for SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- When we are disobedient, we cannot have God's hand of blessing on our lives.
 - All of us have different areas that we procrastinate in (each area is different for all of us.)
- And I'm not here to condemn anybody I'm just asking you to search your heart today.
What are you putting off when it comes to your spiritual growth?