## IT'S ALL WE HAVE.

#### A Better Year

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A Better Life

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A Better Me

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

John 10:10 NLT

...I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

John 10:10 The Message

## Better is possible.

# A better year, a better life, and a better me is not only possible, it can start today.

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#### The Past & The Future

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# Those fixated on yesterday or tomorrow do so while neglecting today.

When it comes to yesterday, we all have one, but when it comes to tomorrow, none of us are assured of another one.

## Today is all we have.

Today is the most important day of my life. Yesterday with its successes and victories, struggles and failures is gone forever. The past is past. Done. Finished. I cannot relive it. I cannot go back and change it. But I will learn from it and improve my Today. Today. This moment. NOW.

It is God's gift to me and it is all that I have. Tomorrow with all its joys and sorrows, triumphs and troubles isn't here yet. Indeed, tomorrow may never come. Therefore, I will not worry about tomorrow. Today is what God has entrusted to me. It is all that I have. I will do my best in it.

Then, and only then, will I plan my tomorrow, looking to improve upon today with God's help. Then I shall go to sleep in peace...content.

Dale Witherington

Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit."

James 4:13 NLT

### We live like practical athiests.

In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat.

Matthew 24:38 NLT

People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

Matthew 24:39 NLT

### Arrogant Autonomy

How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.

James 4:14 NLT

Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring.

Proverbs 27:1 NLT

What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

James 4:15 NLT

## We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

Proverbs 16:9 NLT

# You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail.

Proverbs 19:21 NLT

A person's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand their own way? There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

Psalm 37:23-24 NIV

Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil.

James 4:16 NLT

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

James 4:17 NIV

Yesterday is past. Tomorrow isn't promised. Today is all we have. What are we going to do about it?

Just for today . . . I will choose and display the right attitudes. Just for today . . . I will determine and act on important priorities. Just for today . . . I will know and follow healthy guidelines. Just for today . . . I will communicate with and care for my family. Just for today . . . I will practice and develop good thinking.

Just for today . . . I will make and keep proper commitments. Just for today . . . I will earn and properly manage finances. Just for today . . . I will deepen and live out my faith. Just for today . . . I will initiate and invest in solid relationships. Just for today . . . I will plan for and model generosity.

Just for today . . . I will embrace and practice good values. Just for today . . . I will seek and experience improvements. Just for today . . . I will act on these decisions and practice these disciplines, and then one day . . . I will see the compounding results of a day lived well.

John Maxwell