

Intro.

- A. (Go into office & let song leader lead an extra song.)
 1. Ever waited 'til the last minute to do something, & then were not ready when the time came?
 2. Personally, that has been a reoccurring nightmare over my years as a preacher!
 3. I apologize for not having my lesson prepared. I've been busy & just put off too long deciding what I was going to preach today, but I think I have a lesson that may provoke your thought now
- B. (*Just kidding* -- I really do have a lesson I prepared last week, but I want to make sure I've got your
- C. One of the easiest things we find ourselves in the habit of doing is putting things off that need our attention
 1. *Tomorrow* = one of the most dangerous words in English language. It has robbed multitudes of success.
 2. *Don't wait*—We know we need to change, & that it's hard to change.
 3. We think → *tomorrow will be easier*, & we assume that *there will be a tomorrow*. **DON'T WAIT!!!**

Discuss.**I. TOMORROW THE DESIRE TO DO RIGHT MAY BE LOST.**

- A. Lost desire comes out of a hardened heart. (c. **1 Tm. 4:2** – *seared conscience*)
- B. Sinful habits have a way of wearing us down, & diminishing our desire to do what's right,
 1. **Prov. 5:22** - His iniquities will take the wicked himself, & he will be held w/ the cords of his sins.
 2. (Illustrate w/ young man f/ congregation.)

II. TOMORROW THE ABILITY TO OBEY & SERVE MAY BE LOST.

- A. **Prov. 27:1** – reminds us that tomorrow = uncertain: *Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.*
- B. One man who planned to do more work in the church & with his family suffered a debilitating stroke just days into his retirement.
 1. I will never forget a good friend at FHU who prepared himself as an accountant & had a good job working for 2 godly elders in a business, and enjoying the early days of his marriage – died on busi. trip.
 2. A horrendous accident during a sporting event at FHU left a friend & classmate paralyzed from neck down. He would never stand in the pulpit & proclaim God's word as he had planned.

III. TOMORROW MAY BRING DEATH.

- A. The brevity of life is repeatedly emphasized. (c. **Jas. 4:13-14**)
 1. **Job 14:1** - *man that is born of woman is of few days, & full of trouble.*
 2. **Job 7:6** - *my days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle...*
- B. If death still seems very distant, read the newspaper – news re: tragedies, & the obituary.
 1. Last week, mother killed her 5 children & two young boys (ages 6 & 10) were shot to death.
 2. Solomon offered sound advise: *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work, or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.* **Ecc. 9:10**

IV. TOMORROW MAY BRING THE SECOND COMING.

- A. The fact is, Christ is coming at a time when most will not be expecting it, **2 Pet. 3:10**
- B. A study of **Mt. 24:37-42** explains the 2nd Coming of Christ happening on a very ordinary day.

V. TOMORROW, FOR MANY, MEANS A CONVENIENT SEASON. (c. **Ac. 24:25)**

- A. Consider your present age (& younger) & think re: the reasons you've used to put off obeying God.
 1. 12 yr. old ---- *I'm much too young to be responsible for making decisions re: right or wrong.*
 2. 18 yr. old ---- *I'm smart enough & have plenty of time, so I don't have to think about that now.*
 3. 22 yr. old ---- *I'm much too happy to think about being lost because I failed God some how.*
 4. 25 yr. old ---- *I'm too busy to worry about doing the Lord's work. I've got a family, & my work.*
 5. 30 yr. old ---- *I've not got the time to concern myself. Let someone with less important resp. do it.*
 6. 40 yr. old ---- *I'm much too tired to think about being more active in the church. Get a retiree.*

7. 50 yr. old ---- *I'm so busy with my grandchildren. I'll have a little more time later on.*
 8. 60 yr. old ---- *Retirement is just around the corner. I can't make any new commitments right now.*
 9. Over 65 ----- *I'm too old to think about changing my routine at this point. Beside, this is the 1st time I've really had any time for myself.*
- B. Felix had many other opportunities, but he kept putting his commitment to the Lord off, **Ac. 24:26-27**

Concl.

- A. Sometime, somewhere, you & I will have our very last chance to obey our Lord, answering His invita.
- B. **Today** is one of the great words in the Bible.
 1. *In an acceptable time I have heard you , & in the day of salvation I have helped you: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2*
 2. In **Ecc. 12:1** - *Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near, when you will say, I have no pleasure in them;*