

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Psalm 90;12

Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching fourth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians, 3;13,14

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever, Hebrews, 13;8

Past-----Present-----Future

Memory----Courage-----Faith

With these Conquer

I would seem to the casual observer that time is a straight line and that each of us appear at at the appointed hour upon this straight line and independent of both preceding and succeeding generations we live out our little day and pass on and are forgotten. This conception does'nt at all coincide with the Bible interpretation of time and our relationship to it. I rather think that time is a cycle and that there is a very definite overlapping of past present and future. There is a total pattern of the Universe that ties the past in with the present and Future. We belong to that pattern. We stand like the ancient Roman God Janus on the threshold of the Present looking back into the past and forward into the future. We are a part of that swift moving element called time. Time is at once our greatest heritage and most deadly foe. By it we conquer or are conquered by it. We may make time to serve us or become the servant of time.

We can only recall the past by memory, but we must remember that the past was once the present and even the future. What we do with the past when it is the present determines what it will do to us when it becomes the past.

As Caesar divided Gaul into three parts so God divides time.

Time comes to us gently but swiftly, and just as silently slips away. It seems to say here I am do with me as you will but as you hesitate it is gone. The fleeting moment seems not so important but there is an eternity in every moment. We cannot get away from the past but we can make the past to serve us. In the realm of invention, culture, we rely upon the achievements of the past. We may also cause the past to serve us in the moral and spiritual realm.

It is true the past cannot become the present, We can only traverse those sacred avenues through fond memories. There are those who become a slave to the past. they live in the yesterdays, There are forever talking of the Good Old Days. when I was a boy. Old men do this some time, That is a sure sign that a person is getting old. when he spends his time remembering and living in the past. Then there is that person who lets the past defeat him. He broods over past mistakes and failures, and allows them to destroy his usefulness in the present. You can make the past mistakes steps to success you can profit by them and resolve never to fall in the same pit the second time. I don't ^{have} much patience with a person who will walk into the same trap the second time.

Then there is the person who lets past successes stop him from further achievement, He begins to feel that he has arrived and there is nothing more to be done, this person is sure to fail

By memory we can conquer the past, we can call to mind those things we have learned and make them to serve us. What good will it do you to get a college education if you don't learn to remember and *by remembering, use it*

The marine who was saved by what his grandmother told him.

The Present-- Courage.

The present is all of time that belongs to us That is all that God gives us. Jesus is frequently calling upon men to act in the living present

Hear Him say, Now in the accepted time, today is the day of salvation. There is a destiny in every minute. Hold on to it. How true the old statement. Time and Tide wait for no man. The world is full of human derelicts, drifters for whom time means nothing. Many of you are just waiting for the time to come when you can go home. That is alright to long for that time but while you wait give an account of yourself find something to do. It takes a lot of grace and grit to stand up and live, live in the blessed present.

Today is yours, tomorrow it will belong to the past, don't let it get away from you. do something definite, something you can look back to.

Some people when the fight gets tough they take the count and give up the fight. they wait for a more convenient season. and it never comes.

Felix ~~King~~ ~~Agrippa~~ waited, but it was too late.

When Daniel got in a tough spot he didn't say I'll wait until I get back home among my friends. He went to work then and there. He wouldn't give up. and when Babylon was burning down. Daniel was reading the handwriting on the wall in the care and keeping of his God.

There are two kinds of courage that foolhardy daredevil, fanatical courage, that laughs at fear and that calm quiet courage that trembles but never wavers that courage that turns pale and quails from danger but will stick in there and die before it will fail.

Then the future

We look into the future with a great deal of misgivings. we wonder what it holds for us. Jesus stood on Mt. Hermon and turned his face into the direction of Calvary, nothing could stop him. So it is with us when we have grasped the opportunity of the moment. We can lay hold of our tomorrows with a satisfaction and a faith that will take us through.