

Which is more important, going faster or reaching your destination?

It was a regular work day. I was on one of the main streets of the city during an hour of high activity. Suddenly, when observing the incessant buzz of people and heavy traffic of cars and other vehicles, I thought, "Why do we have to live like this?" Several answers came to mind as I realized I was also living at the same hectic pace of the city.

We live in a world where everything is fast. There are many voices, many sounds, and many demands for our attention. It seems that to succeed in life you need to compete with others, do things faster and faster, run instead of walk, and make decisions in a second.

It might be that what really matters to people is not so much the goal, but the speed. A person needs to arrive before everyone else, jump higher, and shout louder. Their life resembles a frantic race in which the fastest car gets the attention of the public. Yet, many times the result is a very serious accident.

How can we deal with this situation? It's easy to lose your calm and make bad decisions when we don't take time to think. If we are to reach the goal, our speed is not the most important factor, but rather being certain of our destination.

The prudent thing is to first find the course: to understand how to reach the goal. Jesus once said, *"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it"* (Matthew 7:13,14).

It can take us many years, but sooner or later, we will discover that the only safe goal is God, and only a life oriented toward Him will find the right course.

Travel the way that leads to eternal life: Jesus Christ!





One day as I arrived downtown, I saw on a wall an attractive sign with large letters saying: THE FUTURE IS NOW!

At first, it looked like a contradiction. We all know that the future lies ahead. Today is the present, tomorrow and the following days are the future.

But after reading the rest of the poster, I realized that the phrase was, in a sense, correct. It was advertising some study courses. It was aimed at young people who had completed high school, and offered short and practical courses to help them find a good job in an office or in a commercial or industrial enterprise.

The future indeed depends largely on the resolutions made in the present. The young person who decides to go find work without any preparation will have an uncertain future in

connection with making the decision not to prepare.

The possibility of obtaining a promising future depends largely on the measure of steps taken in the present. To postpone an important decision or simply “float at random” is often like choosing failure. There is another future more important than employment and economic security that is too often neglected completely. It is the eternal future for which we also must prepare.

A biblical story in Luke 12:19-23, tells about a farmer who had a large crop and decided to expand his barns in order to store the profits of his work. This man concentrated entirely on worldly gain and material life but neglected the spiritual part. But God said to him, *“You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you.*

Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

It was the Lord Jesus who told this story. He added, *"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."* The Bible says in many places that earthly life is temporary and is only the preparation for eternity. *"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while*

and then vanishes" (James 4:14).

The beautiful thing is that we can decide to change our relationship with God and prepare for eternity by accepting the work of Christ. You can be a very sinful and a very bad person, but if you repent and accept the forgiveness God offers, your eternal future is secure. When? The apostle Paul says: *"...now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Corinthians 6:2). □

The value of life doesn't depend on how many years you live but on how you live. Life is not a matter of how many things you do, but of what you accomplish.

The Bible says: "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no delight in them' " (Ecclesiastes 12: 1).

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Are you a Christian?



How long have you been a Christian? One, ten, twenty years? If you answer that you have always been a Christian, you might not understand the question.

No one is a Christian because they are born to religious parents, or simply because he/she was baptized. The Bible says that all people are responsible for having rebelled against God and are sinners on the path to eternal punishment.

Paul, the apostle, says in the Bible, *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23).

However, each person can receive God’s forgiveness, assurance of salvation, and eternal life. Therefore, the Christian life does not begin with birth, but through a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

If you say that being a Christian is doing the best you can, then you are not actually a Christian. If you rely on your good works, how can you tell if you have done enough? Who will judge whether your works are good or bad? The prophet Isaiah said, *“All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...”* (Isaiah 64:6).

The truth is, we become Christians through an encounter with Jesus Christ. Being a Christian is based on a relationship, not on doing the right things according to our own criteria.

The Bible says, *“... to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God”* (John 1:12). □