

## Counting on Tomorrow

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Proverbs 27:1

Few things in life are as silly as people saying what they will do in the future. Both Testaments call attention to such foolishness. James warns "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and get gain'; whereas you do not know about tomorrow. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."<sup>1</sup> When you assume you control your future you endeavor to remove God from His own world.

When sharing the gospel with people they will often say they are not ready; they will invite Christ into their lives when they are ready. It reminds me of Felix's response to the Apostle Paul: "Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me."<sup>2</sup> People do not come to God when they are ready; they only come when He moves in their hearts to come to Him. Those who think otherwise run the risk of slipping into eternity without knowing Him. As Jesus said, "And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'"<sup>3</sup>

You are never more secure than when you realize you do not control the future and you trust in the Lord for His Providential care – when you acknowledge, "Christ is my life."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> James 4:13-14 <sup>2</sup> Acts 24:25 <sup>3</sup> Luke 12:19-20 <sup>4</sup> Colossians 3:4