

Teaching Letter



YOUR TODAY WILL IMPACT YOUR TOMORROW / TEACHING BY REV. GAYLE CLAXTON

Life moves at such a pace that it sometimes feels we don't seem to keep up. This can bring us into a place of unrest in ourselves if we don't manage to keep on top of everything. But is this what life is supposed to be for us? Of course, part of life is doing what we need to do, but might I suggest not at the cost of the future.

How does what we do today affect our tomorrow? Allow me in this short teaching letter to express some thoughts to you regarding how our today can be a masterpiece for our tomorrow, especially in the light of the soon-approaching busy Christmas period.

Living in today can bring us into many misconceptions of tomorrow, which in the end serve to nothing but frustrate us. Maybe we think that our change for tomorrow will be impossible and so we already have the mindset of criticism. We hope for change and so we live our lives waiting for "luck" to change. We think we have to make it happen and we work so hard for change. We may believe that we need a new opportunity and so we wait or we try and lever our resources to work for us. We may even try and make something happen that we think will have the outcome we want and so we plan differently almost in a compulsive way.

Let me mention here a man in the Bible, not your usual Christmas story. Daniel was one of the greatest Old Testament prophets, living in possibly one of the most difficult times in history. But Daniel knew that his tomorrow would come by choosing wisely in his today and he continued to live by those choices when life got really tough! He began to form habits that were Godly.

"But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king.

He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods. Now God had given the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel." Daniel 1:8-9 (NLT)



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In order to be effective he had to make daily choices and manage them. He had decided that he would not compromise no matter who or what was offered to him. He made those choices early on in life and managed them for the rest of his life. Daniel realised that making right choices may go against the trend of popularity and culture. He made a stand and even when it meant that his decision might have seemed to put him in a place of disadvantage, he still stood firm in his today knowing that it would impact his tomorrow.

I firmly believe that the secret to our growth in the Lord is fully dependant on our daily agenda. Every day we are faced with the challenges where we must practice our decisions of yesterday! Daniel was not waiting to be famous – he was preparing himself for his tomorrow while no one was watching. Because of this, his life was spiritually ready when he was called before the king to interpret his dream. His

yesterday was now impacting his tomorrow and he lived in today!

As we come into the last season of this year, I am looking back and seeing and taking account of how life has been for me. Was I like a Daniel who made daily choices and stuck with them even when it looked like it was not to my advantage? Or was I allowing my today to dampen my tomorrow in the Lord?

Jesus said that He has come to give life and that in abundance. This is the absolute portion we have because of the birth of Jesus. It is because of this event and the choices that Jesus made through His life that were not popular according to man or culture, that allowed Him to fulfil the will of the Father. Through His life and death and resurrection you and I can face our tomorrows just like a Daniel so long as we make the right choices daily and stick by them. I do therefore believe that as a new year approaches, many of us can and will make changes so that our todays will have great impact on our tomorrows and the extension of those choices will flow into the lives of others.

Let me leave a few points for all of us to consider in our lives:

What is our attitude like in the situation of today – how will it impact tomorrow?

What are the priorities we have set – are they for my gain only today?

What is my thought life like? Do I really think the way that God thinks about me and my situations or do I fill my today with negative things from yesterday that will flow into my tomorrow?

What really is my level of commitment to be a Daniel regardless – to stick firm to my choices?

What do my relationships look like and what do I really value and show appreciation for?

Let's look at these daily and see how and if we need to change.

With the season of Christmas, we are bombarded by so many things that it is sometimes the choices of our today that will impact our tomorrow. So my decision is to keep and let people know the real meaning of Christmas, not just as an event but as the gateway into eternal life through the gift of Jesus from the loving Father.

As a team worldwide we want to thank you for standing shoulder to shoulder with us, carrying the vision and us as a team in your prayers and also financially. We can never thank you enough. Please continue to stand with us as we like Daniels make choices in our today that will impact the tomorrow of the thousands that we have the privilege to minister to in the coming year.

Together we wish you a wonderful CHRISTmas season and we look forward to continue partnering with you. Please remember to contact us if we can in any way be a help or a blessing to you.



Together for the tomorrows of impact.
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