## **TOMORROW MATTERS**

Making Change: Part 4
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LESS IS MORE ~ STRESS IS BAD ~ GIVING IS GOOD ~ TOMORROW MATTERS

#### Why Do We Fail to Plan for Tomorrow?

"I don't have enough **TIME** to plan"

"I don't know how to plan"

"I don't think it will make a difference"

"I don't want to do the HARD WORK"

## **Budget basics**

- Divide into BUCKETS
- Determine to BALANCE

#### What Am I Saving For?

## **FUTURE**

"The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets." (Proverbs 21:20, The Living Bible)

"Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest."

(Proverbs 6:6–8, TNIV)

#### **FAMILY**

"Everyone should provide for his own relatives. Most of all, everyone should take care of his own family." (1 Timothy 5:8, NIrV)

"...After all, children should not have to save up for their parents, but parents for their children." (2 Corinthians 12:14, NIV)

### **FAITH**

"Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which will soon be gone, but their pride and trust should be in the living God who always richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they

# will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well." (1 Timothy 6:17–19, The Living Bible)

Action:
DEVELOP A BUDGET
EMERGENCY FUND