Notes for November 1st, 2026, On Overcoming Procrastination The Cost of Delay

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Ephesians 5:15-17 which says "See that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

James 4:13-17 which says "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, append a year there, buy and sell and, and make a profit"; 14 Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live to do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 Therefor to him that knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is a sin.

Proverbs 12:24 which says the hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of a lazy man desires and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

Proverbs 15:19 The way of a lazy man is like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the upright is like a highway.

Proverbs 18:9 He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

Colossians 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.

Mathew 23-25 Therefor if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift. 25Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

Ephesians 4:26-27 "Be angry, and do not sin": Do not let the sun go down on your wrath 27nor give place to the devil.

Luke 14:21 So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being very angry, said to his servant, "Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind"

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Hebrews 3:12-13 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Proverbs 3:15 While it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

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Proverbs 20:4 The lazy man will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and have nothing.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 Because of laziness, the building decays, and through idleness of hands the house leaks.

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