

Creating Your Future

1. We create our future with our choices.

Deuteronomy 30:19–20 (NLT) ¹⁹ “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! ²⁰ You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the LORD, you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

2. We create our future by having a God-inspired vision.

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) Where there is no vision, the people perish. (cast off restraint)

Habakkuk 2:2–3 (NKJV) ² Then the LORD answered me and said: “Write the vision and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. ³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

3. We create our future by living with a faith-filled expectancy.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Isaiah 54:1–3 (NIV) “Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband,” says the LORD. ² “**Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.** ³ For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities.

4. We create our future by thinking God's thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8–9 (NIV) ⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Proverbs 4:23 (GNB) Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.

5. We create our future with our words.

James 3:2–6 (NIV) ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. ³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

6. We create our future with our generosity.

Proverbs 11:24–25 (MSG) ²⁴ The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. ²⁵ The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.

7. We create our future by consecrating ourselves to God.

Joshua 3:5 (NIV) Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”