



PASTOR'S LESSON TO LIVE BY

TODAY

As we grow older, we very often look back to our **YESTERDAYS** and wonder what our **TODAY** would look like if we had lived our life differently. We also find ourselves looking to **TOMORROW** to the challenges that lie ahead. Yet in looking back or looking forward, we must face the reality of our human existence. No one can change their **YESTERDAY** or control their **TOMORROW**. The fact is, we can only use our **YESTERDAY** as a good or bad example as to how to live **TODAY**. We are not even promised a **TOMORROW** on earth. My sermon title for August 2, 2020 is, "Why Should You Be Thankful For **TODAY**?". Outside of our promised eternal life in heaven, if we have accepted Jesus as Lord, we can only live our earthly life in the particular **TODAY** we are given. **YESTERDAY** is gone and a **TOMORROW** on earth is not guaranteed. So it seems very clear that the only time we have to make a difference on this earth is **TODAY**.

TODAY is a beautiful gift from God, He even tells us what we need to do in it.

Ps 118:24 NIV

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

TODAY is the day that God made especially for you, as an individual. It's a day that can make a difference in every other individual life you touch. You can only live your life one day at a time. No matter how far back in your life you look, your **YESTERDAYS** cannot be changed. But you can be changed in your **TODAY**. **TODAY** you can change your mind and be kind instead of cruel. **TODAY** you can look at someone and revise your opinion of them as you look at the burdens they have borne through their life. **TODAY** you can choose to appreciate what you didn't even notice **YESTERDAY**.

Memory is an awesome gift from God. That gift allows us to look to the good memories we have of past **YESTERDAYS** and loved ones who are no longer with us. However, the bad memories are there also. In Reality-Living, we are not in control of which memories come forward in our minds, though some people think they are. In making this statement, I am reminded of a old adage I grew up hearing. "*You can't keep a bird from flying over your head, but you can keep him from building a nest in your hair*". So, it all comes down to what we do with the **TODAY** God has given us. **TODAY**, I will control the bad memories in my mind, By "Going out of my Mind **AND** Going Spiritual". Can you think of a better use of **TODAY**? **TODAY**, I will seek God's wisdom when the memories come. **TODAY**, I will accept what comes my way as an opportunity to "Go Spiritual". Out of all the "**TODAYS**" we have been given, none of them are as important as this "**TODAY**". Because God loves us, He gave us **TODAY** so we wouldn't have to worry about **YESTERDAY** or **TOMORROW**.

Matt 6:34 NIV

*Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.
Each day has enough trouble of its own.*