

Reset For The Future:

STRATEGIC LIVING



 New Beginnings Church

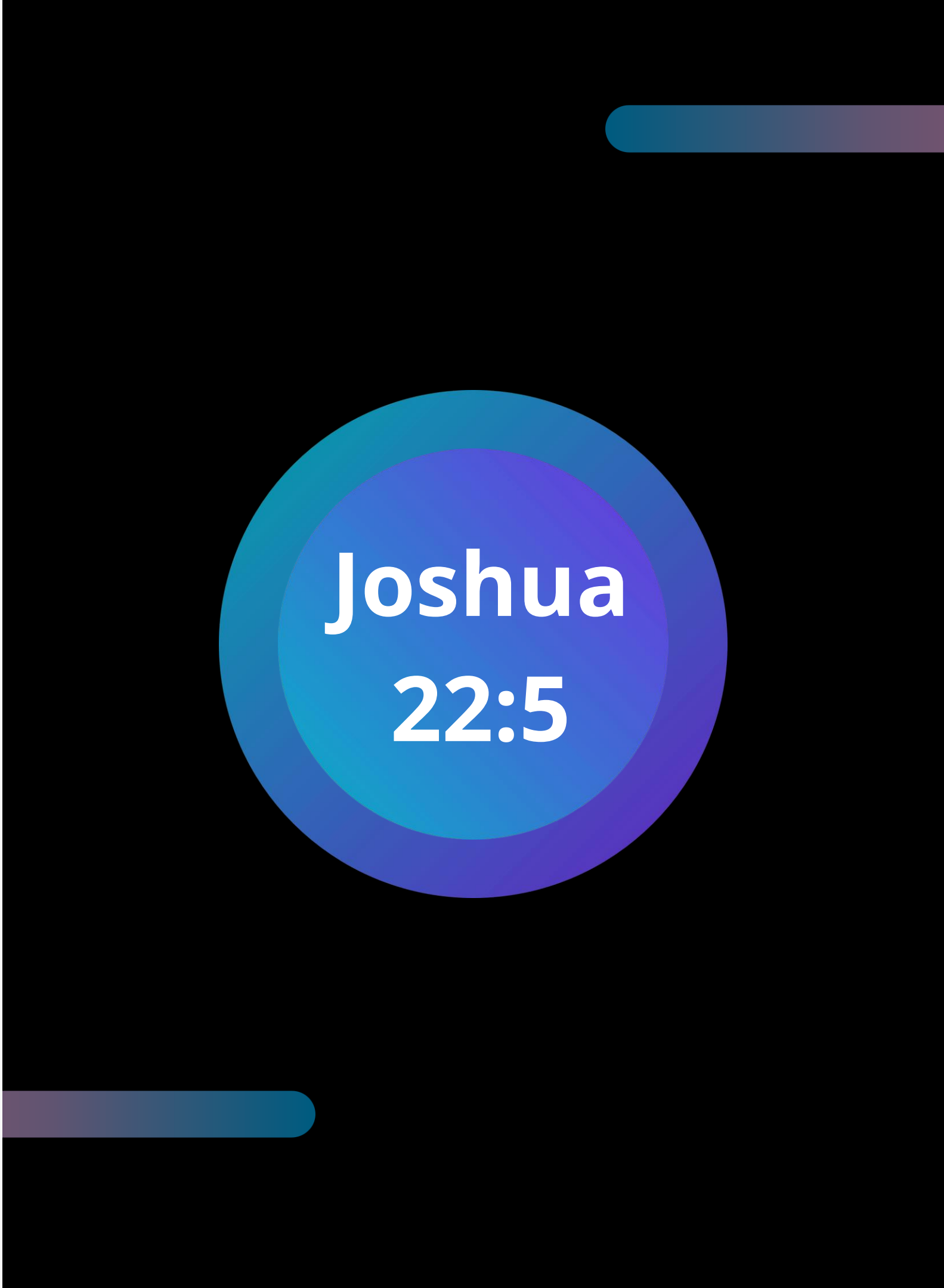
#1

**Our foremost purpose
in life is to glorify God.**

**He will remain the top
priority of our lives.**



“Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”




Joshua
22:5

*“Everyone who is called
by My name, and
whom I have created
for My glory, whom I
have formed, even
whom I have made.”*



**Isaiah
43:7**

“...be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...”



**Colossians
1:9b -10**

#2

**We will live lives of
obedience, a trademark
of a biblical Christian,
and a great witness tool
to an unbelieving
world.**




“...for the Lord will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers; if you obey the Lord your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. ‘For this commandment which I command you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it out of reach.’ ”



**Deut.
30:9b-11**

*“For this is the love
of God, that we
keep His
commandments; and
His commandments
are not
burdensome.”*



John
5:3


#3

We will spend time daily in the Word of God and prayer, in order to live by the counsel of the Holy Spirit and be able to discern good and evil in this world.






**God's
Word**

*“Let the word of
Christ richly dwell
within you,”*



Colossians
3:16a

“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.”



**Psalm
1:1-2**

“But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”



Hebrews
5:14

“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”





Joshua
1:8

#4a

**We will nourish the
important
relationships/friendships in
our lives, which facilitates
our vital connection with
people.**

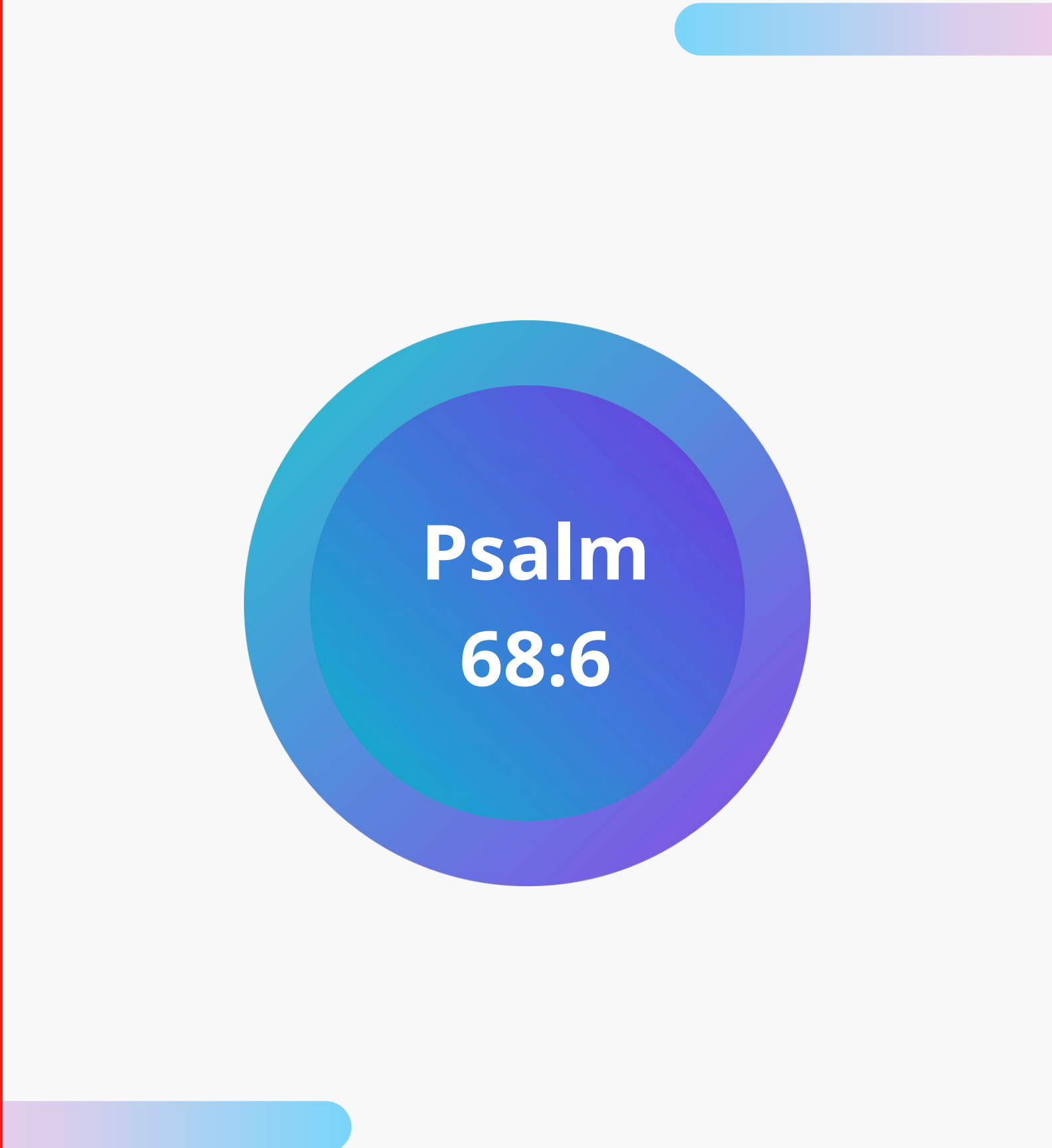


And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and [a]foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’



**Matthew
22:37-39**

*God makes a home
for the lonely; He leads
out the prisoners into
prosperity,
Only the rebellious
live in parched lands.*



Psalm
68:6

#4b

**We will nourish our
marriage, a relationship
that comes before
everything, except our
relationship with God.**



**Nourish
Your
Marriage**

“Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.”

Ephesians

5:33

#5

We will invest our lives in things which endure and have eternal impact, living each day as if it were our last.




**Invest In
Eternal
Impact**

“Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.”



**1 Tim.
6:17-19**

“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is.”



**Ephesians
5:15-17**

*“So teach us to
number our days,
that we may
present to You a
heart of wisdom.”*

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Psalm
90:12

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”



**Matthew
6:20-21**

#6

In ministry and at the office, we will practice the proverb of steady plodding, remembering that God causes the growth.



God
Causes
Growth

*“Steady plodding
brings prosperity;
hasty speculation
brings poverty.”*

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**Proverbs
21:5**

Diligence

vs.

Haste



**Proverbs
21:5**

*“Proverbs 21:5
outlines the value of
diligence and hard
work.”*



*Solomon contrasts
two different kinds
of people:*

the diligent and
those who make
haste.



Proverbs
21:5

*He also contrasts the
results:*

riches or poverty.



1.The Diligent.

a. Diligent defined: The word means industrious, diligent, referring to diligent or industrious persons.

b. Solomon has much to say about diligent in this book.



c. Prov. 6:6-8 – Solomon uses the ant as an example of diligence.

d. Ecc. 9:10 – we are challenged to be diligent in all that we put our hand to do.



1. The Hasty.

a. *Hasty: To press; hasten; hurrying or running without purpose.*

b. *It was used of the taskmasters in Egypt who expressed urgency upon the Jews to make haste in making their bricks (Ex. 5:13)*



Thoughts
Of The
Hasty

c. Solomon uses the term in this proverb to speak of someone who is always in a rush... in a hurry to get things done.

d. But note that HASTE is used as the OPPOSITE of diligence.



Thoughts
Of The
Hasty

e. Normally we think of slothfulness as the opposite of diligence, but here Solomon speaks of being "hasty" as the opposite of diligence.



Thoughts
Of The
Hasty

f. The hasty hurries to get things done, because they are not diligent enough to do it the right way.



Thoughts
Of The
Hasty

g. They put everything off until the last minute, and then doesn't have time to figure out how to do it the right way..

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Thoughts
Of The
Hasty

h. The hasty often hastens to be rich, likes easy riches, and quick money, that often involves something dishonest or shady.

This quick road to riches usually leads to poverty instead.

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Thoughts
Of The
Hasty

*The hasty jump into things
without thinking.*

*They make commitments they
cannot keep.*

*They are hasty to abandon
relationships whenever the
relationship is strained,
whether with a spouse,
church, job, friend, etc.*

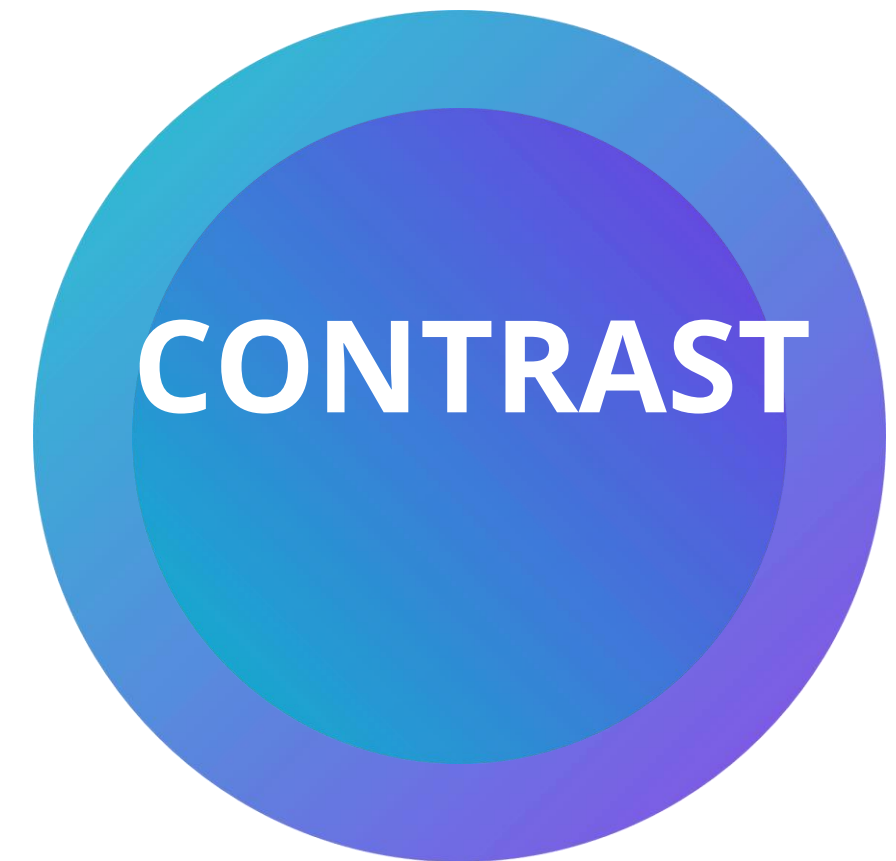


Thoughts
Of The
Hasty

*j. The diligent do not
behave like the hasty.*

*The diligent is slow
and steady.*

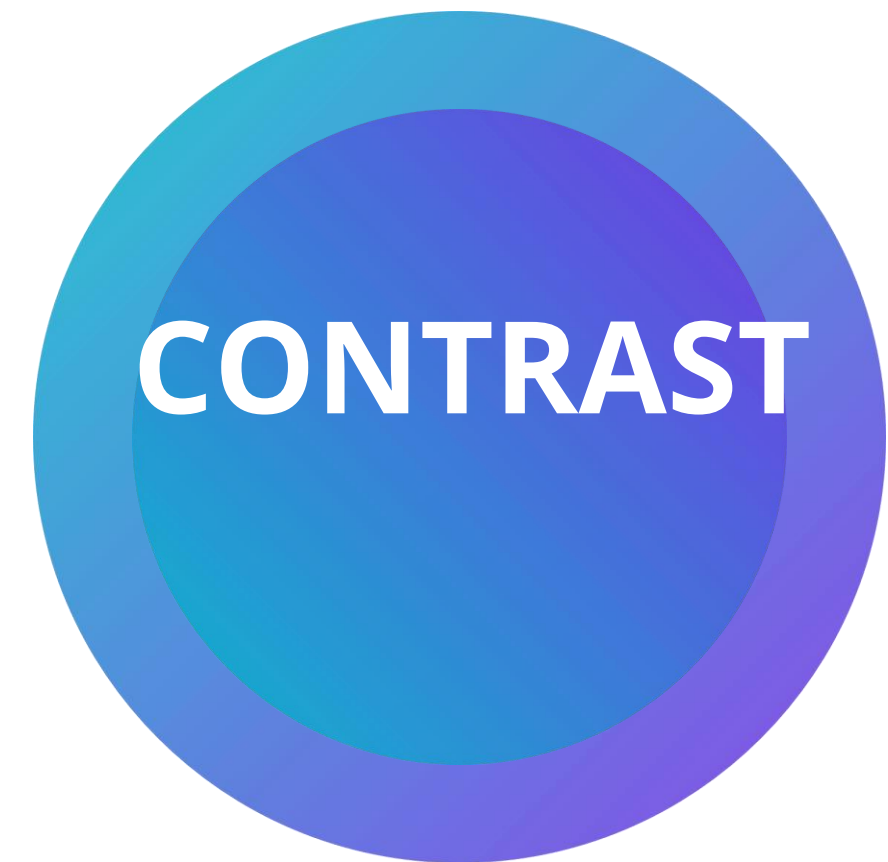
*They do a job when it
needs to be done.*



• *The hasty man is like the hare that runs as fast as he can for a little while, and then stops. He quits.*

• *The diligent man is slow like the turtle, because he takes the time to do things right along the way.*

• *It takes longer, but he makes REAL progress.*



- *The diligent man is a man of industry who perseveres through difficulties and diligently finishes what he sets out to do.*
- *The hasty man doesn't bother taking the time to think ahead and plan.*
- *He doesn't bother taking the time to read the directions.*
- *He is in too much of a rush to get it done, so he can head off to hang around on the corner, or go to some fun event.*



*The result of a hasty man is
WANT!*

*a. Want: need; poverty;
lack; a scarcity of
something vital.*

*b. The man who is hasty will
find himself in great NEED;
lacking essential things.*



- *It's much quicker to do a book report by reading only the cover flap, but you find yourself lacking a good grade.*
- *It's much quicker to just paint over the rotten wood, but you might find yourself in need of replacing the whole wall.*



- *The hasty way of the hasty man leads to trouble down the road. Instead of leading to plenteousness, it leads to WANT or lack, which is insufficient.*



*To the lazy man he
says, "so shall thy
poverty come."*



**Proverbs
6:11**

*But the talk of the lips
tendeth only to penury.
(same word) Instead of
making plans and
getting things done
diligently, this man sits
around wasting time
chatting.*



**Proverbs
14:23**

*The soul of the
 sluggard desireth, and
 hath nothing: but the
 soul of the diligent
 shall be made fat.*



**Proverbs
13:4**



- *The lazy man WANTS... he desires... but he has nothing.*
- *He has nothing but unmet needs.*
- *Solomon says here that it is nobody's fault but their own..*



**Proverbs
13:4**

“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.”



**Galatians
6:9**

“For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.”

Hebrews
10:36

“So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.”



1 Corinth.
3:7

#7 *Being self-employed, we will ask God to give us favor in the eyes of our clients and bless the work of our hands.*

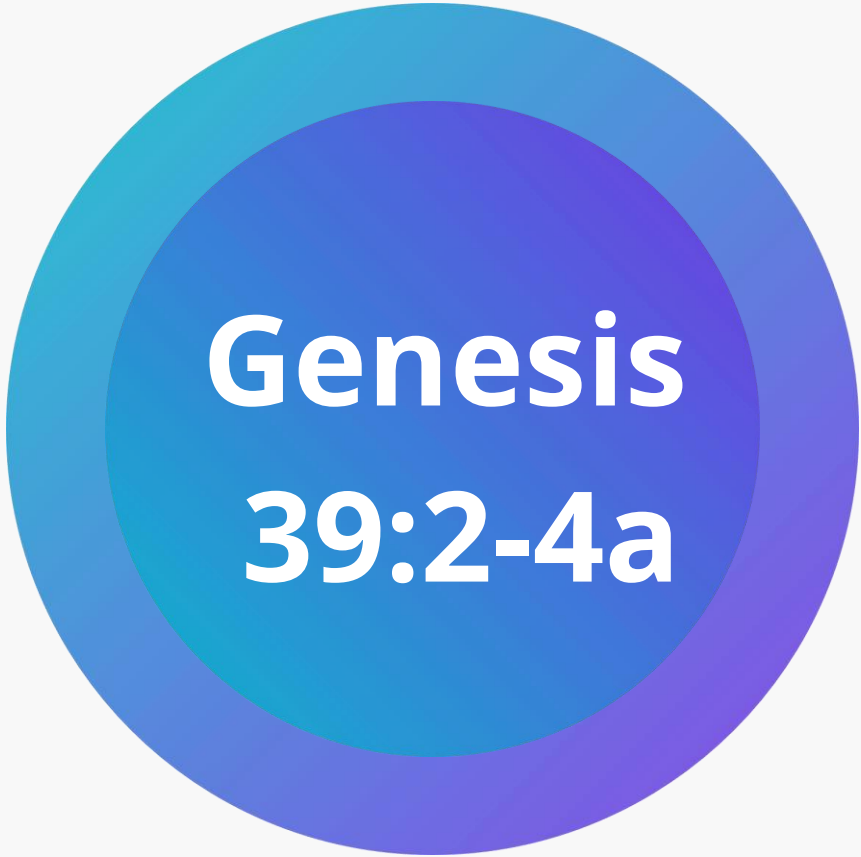


“The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you.”



Deut.
28:8

“The Lord was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. Now his master saw that the Lord was with him and how the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favor in his sight..”



**Genesis
39:2-4a**

“But the Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer...and whatever he did, the Lord made to prosper.”

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Genesis
39:21,
23b

“Joseph’s Rules of Financial Order”

In the process of going from the bottom of the pit (Genesis 37:23) to the Governor of Egypt, we can all learn from Joseph’s tale of growth using the Holy Spirit as his primary guide.



Genesis
37:23

Rule #1

**Favor
Isn't
Fair**

Joseph's Father Jacob had a deep love for Joseph, even more so than any other son. The Brothers hated Joseph for that (Genesis 37:5).



**Favor
Isn't
Fair**

God's favor won't necessarily touch the same people, in the same way, at the same time.

Be happy when the Lord shows favor upon others.

Celebrate when someone else receives the favor of the Lord.



Rule #2

Shake Off
Close
Disbelief

In Genesis 37:10, Joseph told his Father about his dream that one day he was going to be rule over all and they would bow down to him. Jacob became very "angry" and seemed to doubt the dream was realistic.

Rule #3


Embrace The
Power In
Your Pain

Joseph getting thrown in the pit (Genesis 37:23), getting betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery (Genesis 37:28) away from his beloved father, endured severe pain. However, God put Joseph on this path to become a ruler.



**Embrace The
Power In
Your Pain**

When you are trying to get ahead, you will have some setbacks; however, it is crucial you keep Christ at the forefront of your mind at all times.



Rule #4




The Lord will always be your light, even in the darkest of places.


“While Joseph was in prison, the LORD helped him and was good to him.” This allowed Joseph to turn a dark place light. (Genesis 39:21)



See The
Light
In The Dark



Joseph was put into a leadership position (Genesis 39:23), and most importantly, he continued to use God's gifts.



Rule #5

The Power of
Patience
And God's
Timing

God's timing is so perfect that the LORD will place you, with your gift, in front of the right person, and the right time, so your gift will be fully appreciated and valued.

*When Joseph interpreted the personal servant's dreams, it took the servant **TWO YEARS** Joseph's talents (Genesis 41:1).*

Rule #6



SAVE

Joseph gave the King a lesson in fiscal responsibility in Genesis 41:25-37.

His dream predicted he would have seven good years of “more than enough” grain, followed by seven years of famine. This planning was so good it got Joseph promoted to Governor.

Rule #7



The king saw Joseph's relationship with God in Genesis 41:39 when he said, "God is the one who has shown you these things. No one else is as wise as you are or knows as much as you do."

When you have a relationship with the Holy Spirit, the greatest and the least of those will notice.

*“And Jesus kept
increasing in wisdom
and stature, and in
favor with God and
men.”*



**Luke
2:52**

#8

**We will honor the Lord from
“our wealth” and from the
first/best of all “our
produce”. We give back to
God because He gives so
abundantly to us, and He is
the true owner of all things.
We are His stewards.**




*“Honor the Lord from
your wealth and from
the first of all your
produce,”*



**Proverbs
3:9-10**

“As soon as the order spread, the sons of Israel provided in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of all...the tithe of sacred gifts which were consecrated to the Lord their God, and placed them in heaps.”



**2 Chron.
31:5-6**

6 “For ^[i]I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, the sons of Jacob, have not come to an end.

7 “From the days of your fathers you have turned away from My statutes and have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” says the LORD of armies. “But you say, ‘How shall we return?’



Malachi
3:6-11

8 "Would anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' *In* tithes and ^[j]offerings. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the entire nation *of you!* 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and put Me to the test now in this," says the LORD of armies, "if I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until ^[k]it overflows. 11 Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruit of your ground; nor will the vine in the field prove fruitless to you," says the LORD of armies.



Malachi
3:6-11

*“In this case,
moreover, it is
required of stewards
that one be found
trustworthy.”*

1 Corinth.
4:2

#9

We will live with contentment, not seeking a higher standard of living. We know riches do not give fulfillment nor lead to true victorious living.



*Content- To be free from
care because of
satisfaction with what is
already one's own.*



CONTENTMENT

Content in the Hebrew means simply "to be pleased."

The Greek brings out the full force of the word in 1 Timothy 6:8 and in Hebrews 13:5.



Contentment in 1 Timothy 6:6-8, is more inward than satisfaction; the former is a habit or permanent state of mind, the latter has to do with some particular occurrence or object.



⁶ But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain *when* accompanied by contentment. ⁷ For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it, either. ⁸ If we have food and ^[a]covering, with these we shall be content.




**1 Timothy
6:6-8**

“Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you’...”



**Hebrews
13:5**

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.”



**1 John
2:15-16**

*“Blessed are those
who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for
they shall be
satisfied.”*



**Matthew
5:6**

25 “For this reason I say to you, ^[a]do not be worried about your ^[b]life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather *crops* into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they?



Matthew
6:25-26

32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first vHis kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be wprovided to you.



**Matthew
6:32-33**

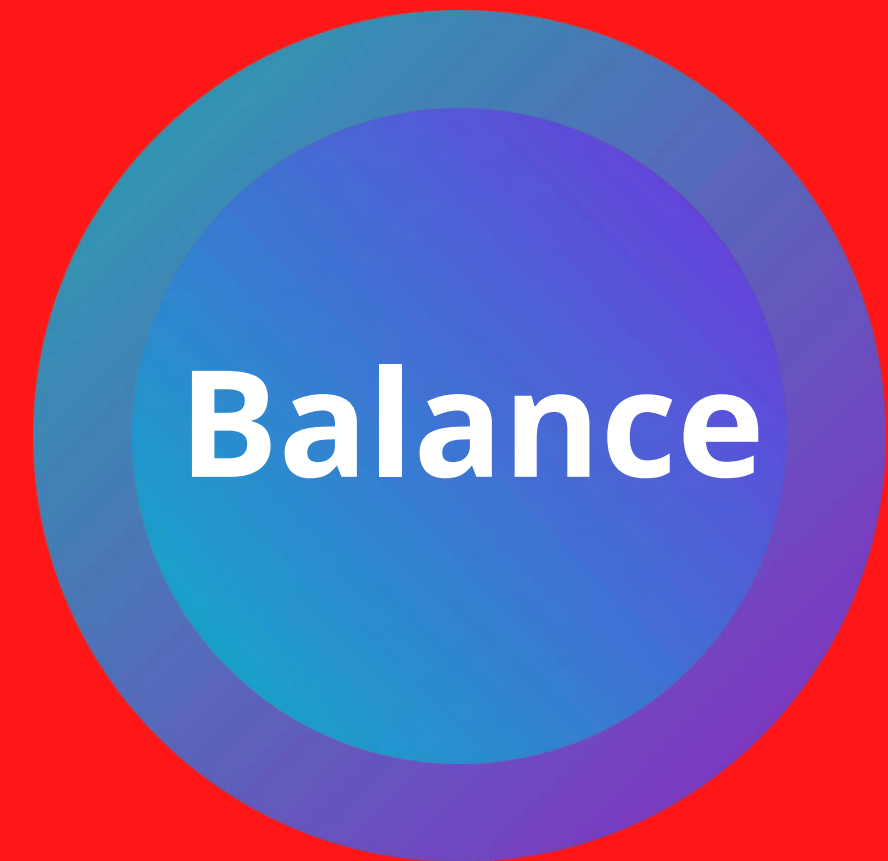
¹² I know how to get along with little, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every *circumstance* I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. ¹³ I can do all things ^[a]through Him who strengthens me.



Philippians
4:12-13

#10

**We will live a
balanced life, not
neglecting times of
rest, and living daily
in the strength of the
Lord.**



*“He gives strength to the weary,
and to him who lacks might He
increases power. Though youths
grow weary and tired, and
vigorous young men stumble
badly, yet those who wait for the
Lord will gain new strength; they
will mount up with wings like
eagles, they will run and not get
tired, they will walk and not
become weary.”*



**Isaiah
40:29-31**

*5 Practical Ways of
Finding Balance In
Your Life:*

- 1. Feed your body and soul*
- 2. Exercise your body and spirit.*
- 3. Spend time thinking through your day.*
- 4. Practice spiritual disciplines.*
- 5. Take time for Sabbath rest.*

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”



**Matthew
11:28-29**

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every matter under heaven—

*² A time to give birth and a time to die;
A time to plant and a time to uproot
what is planted.*

*³ A time to kill and a time to heal;
A time to tear down and a time to build
up.*

*⁴ A time to weep and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn and a time to dance.*





Ecclesiastes
3:1-4

*⁵ A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.*

*⁶ A time to search and a time to give up as lost;
A time to keep and a time to throw away.*

*⁷ A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;
A time to be silent and a time to speak.*

*⁸ A time to love and a time to hate;
A time for war and a time for peace.*



Ecclesiastes
3:5-8

¹⁶ Do not be excessively righteous, and do not be overly wise. Why should you ruin yourself?




**Ecclesiastes
7:16**

*15 So then, [a]be
careful how
you walk, not as
unwise people
but as wise,*



**Ephesians
5:15**

*A false balance is an
abomination to
the LORD,
But a just weight is His
delight.*

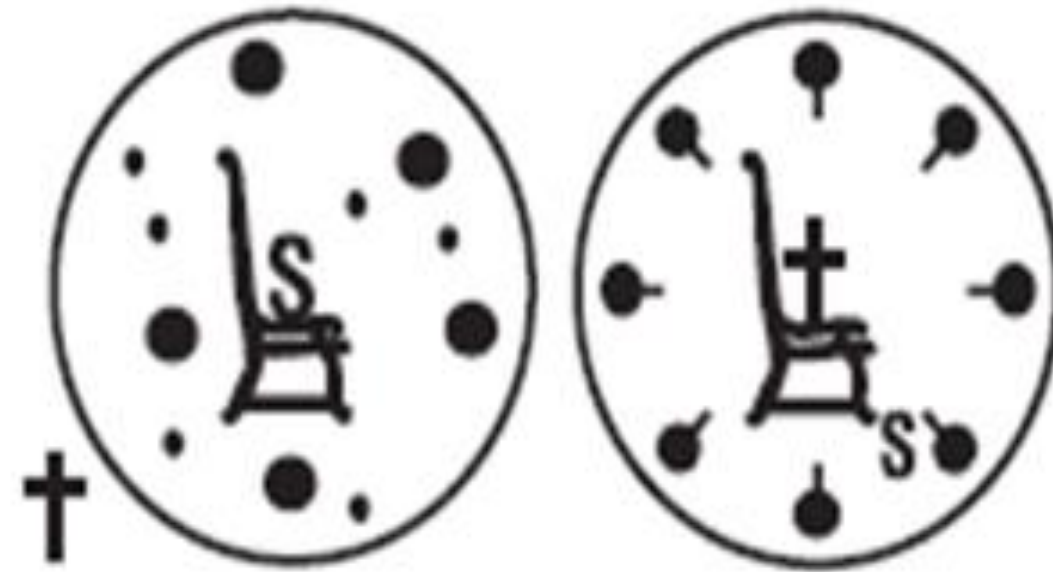
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**Proverbs
11:1**

These two circles represent two kinds of lives:

Self-Directed Life

- S** - Self is on the throne
- †** - Christ is outside the life
- - Interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord and frustration



Christ-Directed Life

- †** - Christ is in the life and on the throne
- S** - Self is yielding to Christ
- - Interests are directed by Christ, resulting in harmony with God's plan