

Living in the Moment/Providing for Posterity

Intro:

- A. Text: II Kings 20; II Chron. 32:24-26, Eph. 5:15
- B. As Christians, we are taught to take advantage of the present and live in it.
 - 1. For instance, the Model Prayer from Matt. 6- "Give us this day our daily bread."
 - 2. James 4:13-17 is an entire section warning us not to be overly concerned about the future.
- C. However, the Bible also gives us examples of having the wisdom to prepare for the future. What about Matt. 7 and having a strong foundation to handle the future storms of life or II Tim. 2:2 which discusses planning for the transmission of the gospel in the future.
- D. In other words, we need balance between living for the moment and providing for posterity.
- E. Our text is a demonstration of that imbalance. King _____ did not demonstrate the wisdom to think beyond himself and his time.
- F. In short, he was _____.

I. _____

- A. II Kings 20:1-8
- B. God extended his _____ for _____ years
- C. II Chron. 32:24-25
- D. Have you ever thought that it may have been better for him to have died?
 - 1. Notice II Kings 21:1 and II Chron. 33:1
 - 2. II Kings 21:9 and II Kings 24:1-4

II. _____

- A. II Kings 20:12-13
- B. II Chron. 32:27-31

III. _____

- A. II Chron. 32:31- God was _____ him. He _____.
- B. II Kings 20:16-19

Conclusion: