

Turn Your World Upside Down
Part 6 – “Stop Procrastinating - Now!”
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Intro:

Matt 28:19 “Go and make disciples of all nations...”

ECC Process of Discipleship: Making an IMPACT...To Love...To Grow...To Serve

We have 3 priorities – To love...which is expressed in our Sunday morning celebration and connection groups. To grow...which is expressed in our Path to Discipleship. To serve...which is expressed in our daily lives in the places we live, work and play; as well as through the local church. The vision of E.C.C. is to gather together weekly for corporate worship, loving God and each other; then to come together in small Connection Groups for discipleship and fellowship, and are regularly involved in reaching out to others with the love, acceptance, and forgiveness of Jesus Christ through community outreach. To Love...To Grow...To Serve!

Often times, we get ourselves into a rut, doing the same old thing over and over again. Our lives lose their IMPACT due to lazy attitudes and taking things for granted. To put it simply – we’re spoiled. It’s time to turn our life as we know it UPSIDE DOWN.

During this series we will look at how to turn our way of doing things UPSIDE DOWN to make an even greater IMPACT in an ever evolving culture. Doing life differently, thinking about life differently, and refining the way we’ve always dealt with our issues in new and innovative ways. How do we change the paradigm of the church in the way we think and act towards the different issues of life? How do we allow the Holy Spirit to turn our lives “UPSIDE DOWN” in order to make a greater IMPACT for the Kingdom of God?

That’s what this series is all about.

I’m convinced that out of our personal encounters with God, will we have our lives turned UPSIDE DOWN!

What is an encounter with God?

Question: What is an encounter with God?

An encounter with God is when (1) He intentionally meets with us, (2) in a time of great need, (3) through unexpected circumstances, (4) to tell us something about Himself, (5) so we will know Him more intimately and, (6) learn something about ourselves, (7) even though we do not understand all of the mysterious elements of the experience.

I believe we’ve established the fact that it is out of our personal encounters with God, our lives will be turned upside down, thus we can turn our own world upside down.

James 4:17 “If you know the right thing to do and don’t do it, that, for you, is evil.”

Illus: Song: Have you ever heard the song.... “Time keeps on slippin’ slippin’ slippin’ into the future”?

That’s what is happening today quicker than ever. Time is moving fast. There simply isn’t a lot of time left, in my opinion, until the return of Jesus Christ. We can see the signs of His return and that it will and can happen at any time.

If we’re going to turn our world UPSIDE DOWN... we must not delay. We must do it now.

The fact is, it’s not the “big” things in life that will allow us to turn our world UPSIDE DOWN. It’s usually a culmination of all of the smaller events of our lives. It’s the daily making an IMPACT in the small areas that we can turn our world’s UPSIDE DOWN for Christ. Yes, we have the big events; but what about the small ones?

Today we’re going look at the life of Procrastination. We find ourselves constantly putting things off now, hoping to do it later, to fulfill our commitments, or whatever the case may be. We think we’ve got lots of time to be a witness for Christ later; but the later is here before we know it, and we’ve still not accomplished our goals – thus no IMPACT has been made; our world continues to stay Right Side Up instead of UPSIDE DOWN.

Illus: In a recent survey of Americans only ten percent of Americans say they struggle with procrastination. *Right!* Of course ninety percent never got around to filling out the survey...

Actually there are several varieties of procrastination. There is re-crastination, which is putting off a task over and over and over the same task. There is bi-crastination which is putting off two tasks at the same time. And there is con-crastination – pretending to accomplish a task which you’re actually putting off.

There’s actually a Procrastinators Club of America I discovered that’s been formed for 43 years. They have 16,000 registered members. They claim that twenty million more haven’t got around to joining yet. And they’re motto (I’m not making this up) is “We’re behind you all the way!” They hold a Fourth of July party every January 6th.

It was once said, “Procrastination is my sin. It only brings me sorrow. I know I ought to change my ways. In fact I will! Tomorrow!”

I love this quote from Will Rogers...

Illus: "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there!"
Will Rogers

The truth is most people know the right thing to do. You know the right thing to do. It’s just we put it off. We delay. We don’t do it. We say tomorrow. Later. Someday I’ll... “One of these days I’ll get around to it.” We keep putting off. If we all just did what we already know to do it would all be a lot better. It’s not like you need to know any more stuff. You already know the right things to do in life. You just don’t do them. You tend to put them off. You tend to procrastinate. You tend to wait to turn your life UPSIDE DOWN and thus your world UPSIDE DOWN.

Today we're going to look at how you defeat procrastination. It's certainly one of the things that hold you back from your fullest potential. We're going to look at the Cause, the Cost and the Cure.

Procrastination – the Cause, the Cost, the Cure

I. The CAUSE

If you're going to defeat procrastination you have to pinpoint the CAUSE of it.

The Bible says there are five causes of procrastination. Any time you know the right thing to do and you keep putting it off it's always one of these reasons. So you need to go back and look at what's causing me to delay? What's causing me to put off what I know would be for my own good, for my benefit, etc. What's keeping me from moving forward, making an IMPACT, turning my world UPSIDE DOWN?

1. Indecision.

Indecision can cause you to procrastinate. The Bible says in...

James 1:8

"The double minded man is unstable in all he does."

Whenever you have a hard time making up your mind you're going to procrastinate. Of course, today, the more choice we have the more we tend to procrastinate. You go into a grocery store to buy a toothbrush and there are 82 different kinds of toothbrushes as if you really needed that much variety. You can get paralysis of analysis and wonder, "Which am I supposed to get." And you delay simply because you can't make the choice.

2. Perfectionism.

Perfectionism paralyzes us and causes us to delay when we know the right thing to do. We set such a high standard and think, I'm never going to begin in the first place. The Bible says in...

Ecclesiastes 11:4

"If you wait for perfect conditions you'll never get anything done."

The Bible says there's nothing perfect in the world. Only God's word. The Bible says the only thing perfect in the world is God's truth. So if you keep expecting perfection from yourself or your husband or wife or boyfriend, whatever, you're not going to find and you're going to be severely disappointed. You'll tend to put things off. You'll tend to delay.

3. Fear.

Whenever we are afraid of something we tend to put it off. We tend to delay. It could be the fear of failure. So you don't want to even try. It could be the fear of success. What if I attempt this and achieve it how do I maintain the success once I've got it? It's fear that keeps you from making that tough phone call you know you need to make. It's fear that keeps you from making that counseling appointment you know you need to make. It's fear that keeps you from sharing your faith. It's fear that keeps you from volunteering your talents. It's fear that keeps you from going after that dream you've had for years and years and you've never done anything about it. Anytime you know the right thing to do and you don't do it you should stop and ask yourself, What am I afraid of? What am I really afraid of? You've got to get beneath the procrastination and say, What's the cause?

Pr. 29:25

"A person's fear sets a trap for him."

4. Wounded Pride.

The fourth cause is wounded pride. A good example of this is...

Isaiah 48:4

"I know how stubborn and obstinate you are. You're as hardheaded as bronze."

The truth is procrastination is often a way of getting back at people. It's a way of passive resistance. If you're a parent you know this. Kids do this in spades all the time. You tell them you want them to do something and then they want to do it on their own sweet time. You tell them to go clean up their room and they say, "I'm going to do it but I'm going to do it when I get around to it." What they're doing there is a form of rebellion. It's whose really in control here. So when you challenge someone's control you can challenge it passively through procrastination. Your boss or anybody else. If you're married and you find yourself having your spouse ask you to do something over and over and over again – you keep putting it off – you should stop and ask, What am I really angry about? What am I resenting here? Am I resisting control? Is there anger building up in me and I'm just going to push it back by passively resisting through procrastination. I don't have enough courage to say No. I just won't do it in their timetable. Sometimes when we get wounded and we're wounded by other people and they ask us to do something we don't have the courage to say no, we just put it off.

5. Laziness.

Of course the biggest cause of procrastination, the one we're most familiar with is laziness.

Proverbs 13:4

"Lazy people want much but get little."

Have you ever noticed that we're becoming a nation of couch potatoes? America's favorite word today is the word "easy". You're never going to see a best seller Ten Incredibly Difficult Ways to Lose Weight, Nine Really Tough Ways to Get in Shape. We want the easy steps. We want the easy payments on our car. We don't want tough payments. There's even an ad from one of the major stores in town, THE EASY BUTTON. The truth is that behind procrastination is this myth that if I put it off it'll get easier. If I just delay it, if I put it off, it will eventually get easier. The truth is procrastination only makes things worse.

First you pinpoint the cause of procrastination then...

II. Count the COST.

There's always a cost in delay. There's always price tag that goes along with procrastination. When you and I realize what the price tag is we begin to want to change. The Bible is very clear about the destructive consequences of procrastination in our lives. Here's three of them:

1. It wastes opportunities.

It wastes the greatest opportunities in life.

Ephesians 5:16

"Make the most of every opportunity for doing good."

Circle "every". Not even most opportunities. The way to live a joy filled, fulfilled life is to take every opportunity that God sends our way and make the most of it. When opportunity knocks you open the door. I wonder how many opportunities I've lost and you've lost because we've procrastinated. How many wonderful opportunities to make a difference in a relationships, to make a difference with my life or see something incredible happen through my life because I hesitated. While we procrastinate life speeds on by us. We miss many, many wonderful opportunities in life.

2. It causes problems.

Procrastination inevitably causes problems in life.

Proverbs 15:19

"A lazy person has trouble all through life."

Do you ever procrastinate, hesitate on getting your gas tank filled up? Then the next day you ran out of gas or even worse, your wife ran out of gas in your car. I was recently riding my bike with my dad and we ran out of gas. We ran out at the same place my bride and I ran out a few weeks before. The funny thing is, I knew we were low on gas, but I also knew that I had a reserve tank. That's how we go through life sometimes, thinking we have a "reserve" tank to rely upon. The problem is, the reserve is often empty too.

There's all kinds of problems – more problems – because you procrastinate. Procrastination makes life worse. It makes life harder. Even more tragic we've probably all known someone who has procrastinated about going to the doctor. When they finally went they found that the cancer had spread maybe beyond control. Procrastination causes trouble, causes problems in our lives. The fact is delaying never solves anything. It only makes things worse. The fact is the longer you wait the harder it is. It never gets easier. It always gets harder. Do it now. Don't procrastinate. The truth is there is great danger in procrastination. It can become a habitual lifestyle. All of a sudden you find yourself becoming the kind of person who waits till the very end of everything. It causes trouble and your IMPACT in life will be minimal; not to mention your world will never get turned UPSIDE DOWN.

3. It hurts others.

I know it hurts you. Most of us know it hurts ourselves. But have you thought about the fact that it hurts others. Many of us have never realized it but procrastination at its core is unloving. Showing real love to people, that takes commitment. It takes energy. It takes time. It takes work. When I procrastinate at doing that I am deciding not to love that other person. That is the destructive power of procrastination. The reason why a lot of marriage fall apart is procrastination. Both people are not willing to make the effort to make it work. A lot of divorces happen when both people know what needed to be done. They just delayed. They didn't have the conversation that needed to have. They didn't talk about the tough thing that needed to be talked about. They didn't take the time to be together when they knew they needed to be together. So eventually they grew so far apart it seemed easier to get a divorce. Don't procrastinate on relationships.

Pr. 18:9

"A lazy person is as bad as someone who is destructive."

I know that this is painful. It's painful for me to think about opportunities I've lost because I've delayed. But it's true. It's painful for me to think about trouble I've caused myself and others and the hurt that's come into other people's lives. But until I'm honest about the pain of it and the cost of it I'm not going to be ready to change. It's being honest about the pain and realizing that there's a different life out there. Then we can begin to look toward the cure of procrastination.

III. What is the CURE for procrastination?

We know that the price tag is enormous. How do I get over procrastination? The Bible says you do five things. Before I give you these five things I want you to stop and think a minute of an area you have been procrastinating in. This message will mean nothing to you, won't really help you, if you don't pinpoint a specific area. These five steps will take you through how to deal with something you're having a hard time getting started on. Think of one thing you've been putting off. I'm not talking about cleaning up your garage or answering all your email. Think about what is it you know God wants you to do that you've been putting off. What is it that you've been waiting to do that will truly IMPACT your world; turning it UPSIDE DOWN?

If you can't think of something and you're in denial, ask your spouse. They'll be glad to tell you. If you're not married or your spouse isn't here, here are some suggestions:

Do you need to commit your life to Christ? Do you need to be baptized? Have you been putting off being baptized? Are you a part of the Eastgate Path to Discipleship Program? Get connected with church family. Are you loving, growing and serving? Do you need to volunteer somewhere?

If you're already doing all of those things you have my permission to write something else down. But write down something you know God wants you to do and you're not doing it. Write down something specific and then we're going to help you through these five steps. Write something down, what have I been putting off? You know it's the right thing to do but you're not doing it.

Five steps to overcoming procrastination. If you didn't write anything down you're already defeated. If you can't even think of what you're putting off how do you know how to get started on it.

1. Stop making excuses.

Stop making excuses for what you've been putting off.

Proverbs 22:13a

"The lazy man is full of excuses."

Ben Franklin said, "People who are good at making excuses are seldom good at anything else." Actually in life there are only three kinds of people. Every one of us are either one of three kinds. You're either an accuser, an excuser or a chooser. Those are the three approaches to life. Accuse, excuse or choose.

Some people are accusers. They spend their entire life blaming other people for their unhappiness. "If it weren't for So and So then I'd be happy..." They spend their entire life accusing other people for all of their problems. They are lame. They are being lame by blaming.

Then there are the excusers. Excusers blame circumstances. "If the economy were better... If I had different parents... If I looked different... If I had this opportunity..." You excuse yourself from all the circumstances of life saying, "That's just the way I am."

But the people who do things with their life, they get stuff done, are the choosers in life. Choosers are people who accept responsibility. They don't blame others. They don't blame circumstances. They don't accuse or excuse. They say, "I'm going to choose to do something with my life." They stop making excuses.

These are some actual excuses that have been given to insurance companies for car accidents:

"Coming home I drove into the wrong driveway and collided with a tree I don't have."
 "I thought my window was down but I found it was up when I put my hand through it."
 Ouch.

"I glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the cliff."

"I was driving to the doctor's office with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave out and caused an accident."

“The pedestrian had no idea which way to go so I ran over him.”

What excuse are you giving for not doing what you know to do? You already know the right thing to do in life, what don't you do them?

How about this one? “When things settle down...” They're never going to settle down. That's called Life. When things settle down you'll be dead. Life is not about settling down. For the rest of your life you're going to have problems. For the rest of your life you're going to have health issues, financial issues, relational issues. There's never going to be a time in your life when everything settles down. It just doesn't happen. So if you're going to get on with your life you've got to learn to live it in less than best circumstances. If you're going to get on with your life you have to learn to live it in less than perfect conditions. Because life will never be perfect. You have to stop making excuses.

What's your excuse? What's your excuse for not doing what you know to do, what you keep putting off? Take a minute and write down “My lame excuse is...” You can't stop procrastinating and realize and admit to yourself why you've been putting it off. Is it because I've been afraid? Is it because I've been indecisive? What's been my excuse for not doing what I knew God wanted me to do?

Once you stop making excuses you move to step two.

2. Believe God will help me.

Believe that God will help me get out of the rut I'm in and make something of my life and do what I know He wants me to do. Believe God will help me. Jesus said in...

Mark 9:23

“‘What do you mean, if I can?’ Jesus asked. ‘Anything is possible if a person believes.’”

Circle “believes”. You must believe that God will help you.

You've heard this said many times the person who says “I can't” and the person who says “I can” are both right. The person who says, “I can't do it,” won't be able to. The person who says, “I can do it,” will. Attitude is everything when it comes to procrastination. It's attitude that gets you in the slump in the first place. It's your moods that manipulate you and cause you to put off what you know would be the right thing to do. Actually your moods go through eight stages. I call this the eight stages in the cycle of procrastination.

1. “I'll start early this time.” That's hopefulness.
2. “I've got to start soon.” You start to feel a little bit of tension.
3. “I should have started sooner.” You start to feel a little creeping guilt come in on the project.

4. "There's still time to do it." That's false reassurance.
5. "What's wrong with me?" Now you're starting to get a little desperate because you still haven't done it and weeks have gone by.
6. "I can't wait any longer." Now you're getting to the stage I call intense pain. Have any of you been at this stage in a project? (The rest of you are liars!)
7. "Just get it done." Just get it over with, get it off my desk, get it out of my hair.
8. "Next time I'll start earlier."

And the cycle repeats itself.

Friends, this isn't rocket science. If you're going to learn to break free from procrastination you must learn to master your moods. You cannot be manipulated by your emotions, by your feelings. Most of what gets done in the world is done by people who didn't feel like doing it when they did it. The fact is you have to do things you don't feel like doing. You must master your moods.

How do you do that? You turn to God.

Philippians 4:13

"There is nothing I cannot master with the help of Christ who gives me strength."

You need God in your life. You need God's power in your life. The reason you can't break free from procrastination is you don't have the power to do it on your own. If you could have you would have but you can't so you won't. You need God's power. It is Christ's strength that gives me the power to master anything including my moodiness. When I don't feel like getting up off the couch and going and doing the tough thing but I know it's the right thing. So God wants to help you. Stop stewing and start doing. Focus on the gain not the pain. Say, "God, I'm just going to come to you and give You my feelings."

The wrong question to ask in life is, "What do I feel like doing?" That's the wrong question. The right question to ask in life is, "How will I feel after I do the right thing?" That's what you ought to focus on. And of course you're going to feel whole lot better.

God says I'll give you the power to do this. Some of you have a difficult time believing in God much less believing in God's help.

But if you and I are going to do that there's some practical steps to take. There's some things that help us break through the barrier.

3. Set a deadline and schedule it.

Set a deadline for what you need to stop procrastinating, stop putting off and you need to schedule and deadline that thing so you can begin to do that thing. The best intentions

aren't good enough. The idea that I'll do it when I have time for it. You never have time for it. You have to make time for it. If you just think, "I'm going to do it someday," days turn into weeks. Set a deadline. Do something very courageous and write it down on your schedule. You say, "This is what I'm going to do and this is when I'm going to do it." If you don't schedule it you'll never do it.

Maybe what you thought of earlier that you need to start doing is I want to get to know God better. I want to start reading my Bible. When? When are you going to do it? Write it down. Here's when I'm going to get started. Or maybe you thought, I've got a relationship that's been going bad. I need to make it better. We need to have that tough talk. When? When are you going to do it? Don't write down 2011. Make it soon. When are you going to do this? When are things going to change? When you write it down you've changed it from a wish to a decision. I encourage you, start with just one thing.

Those of you who are perfectionists you want to change your whole life today. Perfectly. You want it just to be perfect you want to work on every area. Start with one area. Write that down. Make a deadline. Say, This is when I'm going to do it.

Many of the projects that we procrastinate over in life the reason we procrastinate is because they're huge projects. So in order to make a schedule sometimes you have to schedule the first part. You have to break things down into bite size pieces. Like that old phrase, How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.

What is the elephant in your life? What is it the thing you just don't know how to get started on it?

So what do you need to get started? How do you get started so you can break through this procrastination?

The Bible tells us in...

Proverbs 13:16

"A wise man plans ahead but a fool doesn't."

And the Bible says in...

Proverbs 13:11

"Money that comes easily disappears quickly. But money that is gathered little by little will grow."

There's more than just a financial principle there although there may be some painful things for those of you who depend on those stocks. There is more than just finances in this verse. There's a life principle here. Anything that grows in life grows little by little.

If you want to grow to be more like Jesus in the way that you think and the way that you act and the way that you talk to other people it will happen little by little. If you want to

grow in any relationship in life it'll happen little by little. If you want to break through procrastination, what's the first thing you can do? You take that down and it happens little by little.

When you realize this principle – the Little by Little Principle – it keeps you from procrastinating, waiting for this huge magical moment to happen where everything comes together. You realize you've got to get stated *now*.

So what is it? What do you need to schedule? What is your first step? Write it down. As you're writing it down let me share a fourth principle for the cure for procrastination.

4. Get a spiritual partner.

Get somebody who can help you to work through this. Don't face this alone. Anything that you procrastinate on you get a partner. You don't face it alone. Those of you who maybe exercise and you're going to show up at the gym at 5:30 in the morning you know how helpful it is to have somebody else who's going to meet you there as a partner. All of a sudden you're not in it alone.

The Bible talks about this.

Romans 1:12

"I want us to help each other with the faith that we have. Your faith will help me and my faith will help you."

That is the principle of a spiritual partner.

It is simply somebody who helps you and encourages you in your spiritual growth. A spiritual partner is not somebody who stands above you in judgment and points at you when you do wrong. It's somebody who's in it with you. My faith helps you and your faith helps me. Who is it? How can help you with breaking through this thing that you're procrastinating over?

My friend Ford Taylor calls these kinds of people "Bumper Pads". People who are able to bump you back into place when you need it.

5. Start now.

Start now. Not next month. Not next week. Not even tomorrow. Start *now*. You say, "I'll do it some day." Someday is today. "When things settle down." They're not going to settle down. "When I get around to it." You're not going to get around to it. You've got to do it now. "I'm aiming to do it." Stop aiming and pull the trigger. You can aim the rest of your life but you have to pull the trigger.

One of these days is really none of these days. You're just kidding yourself. One of these days will be none of these days. Three words that will change you life: Do It Now.

The Bible says this...

Proverbs 27:1

"Never boast about tomorrow because you don't know what will happen between now and then."

None of us are guaranteed a tomorrow. You don't know when your ticket is going to be pulled. You don't know when your time is up. You're not guaranteed the next thirty minutes much less the next week, month, year or years. It's really quite arrogant to presume upon the future and think, "I'm going to live forever." You're not. None of us are guaranteed tomorrow. And by the way none of your loved ones are guaranteed tomorrow. If you're going to express love to them, do it now. If you're going to get started on a dream, do it now. Whatever you need to get started on *do it now*. Because you're not guaranteed tomorrow at all. And you may regret it.

From the Message paraphrase...

James 4:17

"If you know the right thing to do and don't do it that for you is evil."

Procrastination is not some little innocent fault or foible. The Bible says it's evil. When you know to do the right thing and you intentionally don't do it God calls that evil. That's why procrastination is so serious. It keeps you from becoming all God intended for you to be. It limits your potential, it wipes out your opportunities. And most of all it presumes upon the future. None of us is guaranteed a tomorrow and neither are your loved ones.

As I said earlier whatever you're going to do with your life do it now. If you're going to get your life right with God before you face Him do it now. If you need to get your life right with somebody else do it now. If you need to get started on a dream or be baptized or join a church or get out of debt, whatever it is, start now. Because none of us are guaranteed tomorrow.

The biggest mistake you could ever possibly make would be to delay giving up your life to Jesus Christ. I have talked with thousands of people and I have never meant anybody who intentionally decided to face God unprepared. Everybody eventually intends to get their life right with God. They just keep putting it off and putting it off and putting it off until finally it's too late. The Bible says,

"Today is the day of salvation. Now is the accepted time."

Jesus said *“No procrastination! You can’t put God’s kingdom off until tomorrow. Seize the day.”* 2 Peter says, *“Friends, confirm God’s invitation to you. Don’t put it off. Do it now.”*

What is God’s invitation? God’s invitation involves three parts.

1. I want to forgive everything you’ve ever done wrong in the past.
2. I want to secure your future in heaven for eternity.
3. I want to give you a life of meaning and purpose right now.

To listen to that invitation and say, “I’ll think about it,” – *what are you thinking?* To walk out the door and say, “I’ll delay. I’ll put it off.” For what? Give me one legitimate, logical, sane reason for doing that. There is none. Do it now.

If you say, “I’m not going to decide about Jesus today,” you’ve just decided. You just said no. When He says “I offer you this invitation of forgiveness and help and healing and purpose and meaning,” and you say, “I’m not going to decide,” you’ve just decided. Not to decide is to decide.

You’re not here by accident this morning. God planned that on this day you would be at Eastgate Community Church. You know why? He’s tired of your procrastination. That’s why you’re here and not somebody else. He’s saying, “I know you. I love you. I want you. I have a plan and purpose for your life. When are you going to stop trying to live your plan and get with the real plan? The one you were created for. The one you were meant to live all along. I want you to know Me and love Me just as much as I know and love you. I know everything about you and I still love you.” Why would you delay that a single day? If you’ve never opened your life to Jesus Christ that’s why you’re here right now. This is your moment.

If you’re already a believer I want to say to you there are people all around you who are dying to hear the good news. We don’t have any assurance that they’re going to be with us tomorrow. I read this week that George Gallup recently did a survey and discovered that 34 million Americans said, “I’d go to church. I’m just waiting for somebody to invite me.” Thirty four million Americans said, “I just don’t know anybody who would invite me.” My guess is some of those 34 million people live next door to you. Or in your neighborhood or you work with them. They are dying for an invitation to be invited. Or they’re dying for an invitation like, “Why don’t you come to Eastgate with me this weekend?” The world is far more ready to hear the good news than we’re ready to share it. We are the procrastinators. They may not be around tomorrow.

When you learn to deal with procrastination...

You watch, you wait, you’ll see. Your world will begin to be turned UPSIDE DOWN!