

# NORTH HILLS NOTES

## PREPARING FOR 2008 January 12, 2008 By Terry Benson

**"Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow."  
Joshua 7:13 (NIV)**

### FOUR TRAPS TO AVOID IN 2008

#### TRAP #1: USELESS WORRYING \_\_\_\_\_

"... Don't have so little faith! Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat... or drink... or wear?' The people who don't know God keep trying to get these things, and your Father in heaven knows you need them. The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you."

Matthew 6:30b-33 (NCV)

#### THE WISE WAY: TRUST GOD & MAKE EACH DAY COUNT

"So don't be anxious about tomorrow -- God will take care of your tomorrow, too. Live one day at a time." Matthew 6:3 (LB)

#### TRAP #2: ARROGANT ASSUMING \_\_\_\_\_

"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." Proverbs 27:1 (NIV)

"Why, you don't even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil." James 4:14 & 16 (NIV)

#### THE WISE WAY: LOOK AHEAD AND PREPARE

"A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences." Proverbs 22:3 (LB)

#### TRAP #3: FAULTY PLANNING \_\_\_\_\_

"Now listen, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business, and make money.'" James 4:13 (NIV)

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"Since no man knows the future, who can tell him what is to come?" Ecclesiastes 8:7 (NIV)

#### THE WISE WAY: PRAY AS YOU PLAN

"Instead, you ought to say, IF it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." James 4:15 (NIV)

#### TRAP #4: LAZY PROCRASTINATING \_\_\_\_\_

"Anyone then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it sins." James 4:17 (NIV)

"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow' -- when you now have it with you." Proverbs 3:27-28 (NIV)

#### THE WISE WAY: DO IT NOW!

"We can be sure we know Christ if we obey His commands. The one who says 'I know Him' but doesn't do what He commands is a liar." 1 John. 2:3-4 (NIV)

"RIGHT NOW God is ready to welcome you. TODAY He is ready to save you!" 2 Corinthians 6:2 (LB)