



Last week, we took to heart Paul's command to see to it that we live carefully. When you have a big project, do you tend to plan out every little detail, just start chipping away, somewhere in-between, or even some completely different approach?

Take a look at the Isaiah reading. What do you think the prophet is describing here; what is God talking about when it comes to this feast he prepared?

Chances are you've been to a banquet/party that sounds similar. What kinds of memories do you have of such an event?

Do you remember the anticipation you had of that event? What was that like?

In the Epistle reading, Paul is walking through the realities that come to pass in anticipation of that banquet Isaiah described. He contrasts perishable and imperishable. What are some things in your life which you prefer to be perishable? What are some things you prefer to have be imperishable?



Take a look at the last verse in the Epistle. St. Paul encourages the Corinthians to be steadfast and immovable. Who do you know from your life who fits that description? Is it how you might describe yourself? Why or why not?

What does Paul mean when he says: “always [be] abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”? More specifically, what does it mean to abound in the work of the Lord? What does it mean that it isn't in vain?

We've done a lot of remembering and “gut checking”. We've looked at what a future-focused life looks at. Now it is time to consider the command From John 13:

“Love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The simple truth is that unless our stewardship is connected to that command, it isn't Christian stewardship. How do you see your stewardship of God's gifts as connected with that?

Finally, take some time, remember, take inventory, and think future-focused while filling out This pledge card:

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