

Proverbs 27:1-2, “Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.”

To remember the reference, notice that this verse has three concepts: 1) Don't boast about yourself, 2) We have no idea what tomorrow will bring our way, 3) We can boast about others for the glory of God.

When researching information about the number '27', I found that this is the smallest 2-digit number in which the sum of digits is equal to the sum of prime factors. $27=3 \times 3 \times 3$ AND $3+3+3=9$ and $9 \times 3=27$

In 1977, Vaughan proved that all integers are the sum of at most 27 prime numbers.

I found it most interesting that this verse talks about 3 concepts AND the number 3 is intertwined with the number 27.

To remember the verse reference, I think about how I am not supposed to boast about myself (that's 1). But it is good for my friends, “another man” or a stranger to boast about what God is doing in my life for His praise and glory (that's 2 groups of people – friends and strangers).

While studying this verse, I was struck by the concept of procrastination which I had never noticed before: boasting that you will do such and such tomorrow and not today.

There is a Spanish proverb which says: The road of by and by leads to the house of never. A few English proverbs are as follows: Procrastination is the thief of time. The road to hell is paved with good intentions.

Here are some verses which warn against procrastination.

James 4:13-17, “Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”

There is a danger to putting off what God asks you to do today until tomorrow. The devil says wait until tomorrow while God says do it now. Following God's leading gets the task done, while waiting until tomorrow may ensure that tomorrow never comes.

I can't help but notice that verse 17 goes along with this section about procrastination. Procrastination to God's clear command to do whatever He has called you to do today is sin.

2 Corinthians 6:2b “...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

Satan pushes the idea of tomorrow in hopes we forfeit witnessing to those whose day of salvation is today.

Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Satan also desires for us to put off teaching and helping other Christians confess sin and live a joyful Christian life. But this verse as well as 1 Thessalonians 5:14, tell us to warn other Christians who are unruly or sinning. We are to reason together with them using scripture to help them repent and walk away from sin.

I personally deeply appreciate the Christian who tells me when they see I am in error. Their reproof is not a disrespectful one, but a reproof out of love and fellowship. Their friendship I desire to hold onto until I take my last breath. They build me as a person by telling me the truth.

1 Thessalonians 5:14, "Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men."

Psalms 119:59-60, "I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and **delayed not** to keep thy commandments."