

I Wasn't Prepared For This...

Are there things we can do *now* to prepare for what's *next*?

1. There's no correlation between knowing what's next and being prepared for what's next.

"...will be blessed in what you do." **James 1:25 NIV**

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like." **James 1:22-24 NIV**

2. A mirror requires a response.

3. We tend to see something, but do nothing.

"But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it — not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it — they will be blessed in what they do." **James 1:25 NIV**

4. The habit of doing will make you happy.

5. Obey God and leave all the consequences to him.

6. God takes full responsibility for the life wholly devoted to Him.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." **Matthew 7:24 NIV**

Application Questions:

1. What are you doing now that you shouldn't do?
2. What are you not doing now that you should do?