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Future

**Give no thought to what lies behind,**

**but push on to what lies ahead.**

***(Philippians 3:13)***

**Nothing ages as fast as the future. *(Stanislaw Lem, Sci-fi novelist)***

**The future ain’t what it used to be. *(Rose Enyeart)***

**The future is already here, it’s just unevenly distributed. *(William Gibson, author)***

**The future’s just another name for a present we haven’t unwrapped yet! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Who's to say tomorrow won't be the best day of your life? *(Matty Healy)***

**Better to look where you’re going than to see where you’ve been. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Mom says to Dad after observing the mess that the children have created in the bathroom: “Our future would look a lot brighter if it didn’t have to start with NOW!” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Life lived for tomorrow will always be just a day away from being realized. *(Leo Buscaglia, in Catholic Digest)***

**Our children are the living messages we send to a future we will never see. *(Elijah Cummings)***

**It is always wise to look ahead, but difficult to look farther than you can see. *(Winston Churchill)***

**The future comes moment by moment – you’ll never see more of it than you’re seeing right now. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**The Japanese company Toshiba looks ahead 200 years in its planning. Forward-looking American companies see a quarter of a century ahead. Even though the world may not look then like the predictions, the saving grace is in the fact that historical longevity of the organization is perceived to be not only alive but healthy and growing. *(Between Us, 1992)***

**Less than five hours old, our baby was lying in her cradle. My husband, who was keeping me company in the room, had been quiet for some time, just staring at the ceiling. I asked what he was thinking about. Very seriously, he replied, “It’s not just any fellow who is going to court our daughter.” *(Joice Maria Oldenburg Casarin, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Nothing so dates an era as its conception of the future. *(Brian Eno, music producer)***

**Neither in the life of the individual nor in that of mankind is it desirable to know the future. *(Jakob Burckhardt, historian)***

**No matter how dirty your past is, your future is still spotless. *(Drake)***

**“Walt always operated on the theory of making today pay off tomorrow,” his brother and partner, Roy O. Disney – the business genius behind the Disney empire – used to say. Thinking tomorrow got Walt Disney through the greatest disappointments. *(John Culhane, in Reader’s Digest)***

**I never think about the future – it comes soon enough. *(Albert Einstein)***

**Let life be free in you – motivate your highest understanding with self-responsibility. You are faced with the future, build well for it will become the now. *(Krishnamurti)***

**Falling forward into the future doesn’t hurt, because you never actually land on anything. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Those who foresee the future and recognize it as tragic are often seized by a madness which forces them to commit the very acts which makes it certain that what they dread shall happen. *(Dame Rebecca West, Irish author and journalist)***

**God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road. *(Isak Dinesen, in the Associated Press)***

**The future-tense effect: Grammar puts English speakers at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to saving money or practicing healthy habits. A new study suggests that people who speak languages that use different verb tenses to distinguish between the present and the future -- for instance, saying "I'm going to" or "I will" when describing an action they'll take later -- are much worse at planning than people who speak languages that blur the present and the future. Yale Business School researcher Keith Chen examined the planning skills of people in 76 countries and found that those whose language contains strong "future markers," including speakers of English, Korean, and Russian, were 30 percent less likely to save money than were speakers of languages that use weaker future markers, such as Mandarin, Japanese, and German. In those languages, speakers can use the same verb forms to refer to the present and the future, relying on the context of their conversation to clarify what time they're referring to. That makes them feel that the future is closer, Scientific American reports, causing them to save more for retirement, smoke less, and exercise more than people whose grammar firmly separates now from later. *(The Week magazine, April 5, 2013)***

**The future is a great land; a man cannot go around it in a day; he cannot measure it with a bound; he cannot bind its harvest in a single sheaf. It is wider than vision, and it has no end. *(Donald Mitchell)***

**There is always one moment in childhood where the door opens and lets the future in. *(Graham Greene)***

**Why is the future hiding? It must be as afraid of us as we are of it. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The future has several names. For the weak, it is impossible; for the fainthearted, it is unknown; but for the thoughtful and valiant, it is ideal. *(Victor Hugo)***

**Billy says to his Dad: “Grandma says the future isn’t what it used to be.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past. *(Thomas Jefferson)***

**There is no future in any job. The future lies in the man who holds the job. *(George Crane, columnist)***

**Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose. *(Lyndon B. Johnson, U.S. President, in a 1963 speech)***

**The future is purchased by the present. *(Samuel Johnson)***

**My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there. *(Charles F. Kettering)***

**Nobody gets to live life backward. Look ahead -- that's where your future lies. *(Ann Landers, Creators Syndicate)***

**The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is. *(C. S. Lewis, in Southern Living)***

**The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**The long run is a misleading guide to current affairs. In the long run we are all dead. *(John Maynard Keynes)***

**I hold that man is in the right who is most closely in league with the future. *(Henrik Ibsen, in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)***

**A friend straightened me out about the meaning of the word manana. He told me about a workman on his mother's ranch near La Paz, Mexico, whom he had berated for stalling on a job for several weeks. As my friend's ire rose, the man smiled and nodded sagaciously, "You know senor," the unperturbed Mexican offered, "we have finally figured out what is wrong with you gringos. You think manana means tomorrow. It does not mean tomorrow. It means not today." *(Fred Hoctor, in Oceans magazine)***

**Quantum science suggests the existence of many possible futures for each moment of our lives. Each future lies in a state of rest until it is awakened by choices made in the present. *(Gregg Braden, in The Isaiah Effect)***

**The only reason people want to be masters of the future is to change the past. *(Milan Kundera)***

**A former colleague of mine had a favorite saying that would help her get past a mistake: “God gave us tomorrow to make up for our mistakes from yesterday.” *(Scott W. Ventrella, in The Power of Positive Thinking in Business)***

**Only mothers can think of the future, because they give birth to it in their children. *(Maxim Gorky)***

**Few things move as quietly as the future. *(Bern Williams)***

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**Never let your fear decide your future. *(via@ThisInspiresUs on Twitter)***

**Never stop looking ahead – in this uncertain world, almost anybody can unexpectedly have a very long life. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

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**News Flash: A friend was staying in a tiny Irish village for a few days and went to the local shop to buy a newspaper. "Would you like today's or yesterday's?" asked the sales clerk brightly. "I'll take today's," he replied. "In that case, sir," said the sales clerk, "you'll have to come back tomorrow." *(Jenny Robson, in Reader's Digest)***

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**Nothing ages so quickly as yesterday’s vision of the future. *(Richard Corliss, film critic, in The Chronicle of Philanthropy)***

**Nothing dates harder and faster and more strangely than the future. *(Neil Gaiman, author, in The Atlantic)***

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**This is the only future you will ever know – this place called now. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The future is an opaque mirror. Anyone who tries to look into it sees nothing but the dim outlines of an old and worried face. *(Jim Bishop)***

**The past is always tense, the future perfect. *(Zadie Smith, in The Wall Street Journal)***

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**The best way to predict the future is to invent it. *(Alan Kay, one of the fathers of the modern PC)***

**The best way to predict the future is to create it. *(Peter F. Drucker)***

**A British woman claims she can predict the future using asparagus. As the world’s only known “asparamancer,” Jemima Packington, 63, sees omens in the way the spears fall after she throws them into the air. She claims the method predicted Brexit, as well as President Trump’s summit with North Korea’s Kim Jong Un. “I am usually about 75 to 90 percent accurate,” she said. “I go through my predictions each year and think, ‘Yep, that’s happened.’” Her 2019 predictions include a U.S. recession and a Brexit far less painful than feared. *(The Week magazine, January 18, 2019)***

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**What looks like tomorrow’s problem is rarely the real problem when tomorrow rolls around. *(James Fallows, journalist)***

**Reverence for the past is important, but so is regard for the future. *(Brad Herzog, in Trips: A Travel Journal)***

**The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. *(Eleanor Roosevelt)***

**We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. *(Franklin D. Roosevelt)***

**The world is full of people whose notion of a satisfactory future is, in fact, a return to the idealized past. *(Robertson Davies, in A Voice from the Attic)***

**Girl says to counsellor: “A career counselor told me to ‘seize the day!’ Actually, today’s not a good day – can I seize the day after tomorrow?” *(Rina Piccolo, in Tina’s Groove comic strip)***

**The future depends entirely on what each of us does every day; a movement is only people moving. (*Gloria Steinem)***

**Just remember -- when you think all is lost, the future remains. *(Quoted by Bob Goddard, in St. Louis Globe-Democrat)***

**The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be. *(Paul Valery)***

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**One should never place one’s trust in the future. It doesn’t deserve it. *(Andre Chamson)***

**Don’t trust the future – it loves to spring surprises. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

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**For the majority of us, the past is a regret, the future an experiment. *(Mark Twain)***

**The future is full of uncertainties, but they'll all be gone by the time we get there. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Wake me up when it’s the future. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**No one can walk backward into the future. *(Joseph Hergesheimer, in The Three Black Pennys)***

**The future has a way of arriving unannounced. *(George F. Will)***

**The future is called “perhaps.” *(Tennessee Williams, American playwright)***

**Tomorrow I will be better than I am today . . . better as a golfer, as a person, as a father. That’s the beauty of tomorrow. There’s no such thing as a setback. *(Tiger Woods)***

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