

Remote Control

Part One - Fast Forward

The remote control is a device that can remind us daily of important spiritual concepts.

2 Peter 1:12 (GWT)

I will always remind you of these matters, even though you already know them and are firmly grounded in the truth you have received.

Hit the fast-forward button.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)

I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on...

Hebrews 12:1 (GWT)

We must run the race that lies ahead of us and never give up.

Luke 14:28 (CEV)

Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. What is the first thing you will do? Won't you sit down and figure out how much it will cost and if you have enough money to pay for it?

Hitting the fast-forward button means preparing for what is ahead.

2 Timothy 2:21 (BSB)

So if anyone cleanses himself of what is unfit, he will be a vessel for honor: sanctified, useful to the Master, and prepared for every good work.

Proverbs 6:6-8 (NET)

Go to the ant, you sluggard; observe its ways and be wise! 7 It has no commander, overseer, or ruler, 8 yet it prepares its food in the summer; it gathers at the harvest what it will eat.

Ephesians 6:15 (NLT)

For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

How to Press the Fast Forward Button

1. Pray

Matthew 6:10 (NHEB)

Let your Kingdom come. Let your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

James 4:13-15 (NLT)

Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." 14 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog - it's here a little while, then it's gone. 15 What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that."

2. Perceive

John 16:13 (ESV)

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Acts 13:2-3 (NLT)

One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." 3 So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.

3. Plan

Proverbs 16:3 (NET)

Commit your works to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.

4. Partner

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NLT)

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

5. Perform

Proverbs 14:23 (GWT)

In hard work, there is always something gained, but idle talk leads only to poverty.

6. Pivot

Proverbs 22:3 (GWT)

Sensible people will see trouble coming and avoid it, but an unthinking person will walk right into it and regret it later.

7. Prosper.

3 John 2 (NHEB)

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in good health, even as your soul prospers.