

Thomas would always arrive 20 minutes late for work. His attitude was “I can always stay late and finish what I need to do.” He would lie and tell his boss he had car trouble. The truth of the matter was Thomas had trouble getting out of bed in the morning. The thought of facing the multitude of tasks on his to do lists gave him real mental stress, so much so that he delayed going to bed and tossed and turned through the night, making his morning alarm even harder to obey. He was even considering talking to his doctor about the problem. In the meantime, he felt 20 minutes should not matter as long as he got his work done before he left the office.

One day in the cafeteria he overheard a coworker telling someone how his lateness hinders others in the office from meeting their deadlines because they are waiting on him to do his part. Thomas realized his actions had a negative impact on those who depended on him. His behavior had to change, but he didn't think he had the strength.

That night he forced himself into bed a full eight hours before his morning alarm. He didn't have an entire plan, didn't even know what the root of the problem was. He just knew he should pray about it. God would understand what he meant. God would grant him the miracle he needed.

Freedom for the Future – Romans 8:18-30

1. What did God plan for us to be? He predestined us to be _____ to the _____ of His Son.
2. What are the four reasons we may suffer?
 - a. The effects of _____.
 - b. The consequence of our own _____.
 - c. Because we live in a _____ world.
 - d. We suffer at the hands of the _____.
3. What two kinds of people are there?
 - a. Those who live according to the _____.
 - b. Those who live according to the _____.
4. When will God's glory be revealed in us? In the age to _____.
5. Who helps us with the weakness in our praying effectively?
The _____
6. Predestination means that God has always known who would be _____.

Daily Readings

Wednesday – Galatians 3:1-5

Sunday – Luke 6:45-49

Thursday – Galatians 3:6-17

Monday – Genesis 17:1-8

Friday – 2 Peter 1:2-4

Tuesday – Galatians 3:18-29

Saturday – Hosea 2:16-23