



Thursday Thought

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ONE Second

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Verse for the week: Proverbs 27:1 (NLT) “Don’t brag about tomorrow, since you don’t know what the day will bring.”

My son was getting ready to head to college when he realized he needed some information from the doctor. In the past we would call and request the information but we couldn’t call this time. Why? Because my son had turned 18! On the day before his 18th birthday we could have called. On the day before his 18th birthday at 11:59 and 59 seconds we could have called. But in that one second, everything changed. In one second my son became an adult. He can now make decisions for himself, go to war and fight, vote, sign for his own loans, and make his own medical decisions. All of this and more in just one second. WOW! As I was thinking about this and being a tad overwhelmed, I shared these thoughts with my wife. As we talked, she made a profound statement. She said that all of our teaching and training up until that point hopefully prepared him for that one second of change. Just as basic training is to prepare a person for what is to come, so this life is training for eternity. Unlike my son who eagerly looked forward to his birthday, we don’t know when that last second will come, when our life will be dramatically changed. One of my grandmother’s favorite hymns was “Work for the Night is Coming” based on **John 9:4 (NLT)** which says: **“We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work.”** Basically that verse is saying life is short and that last second could come at any second, so don’t put off saying those difficult words “I’m sorry, I was wrong!”, or the most important phrase “God please forgive me of all the things I’ve done wrong!”

Question to ask yourself: Who are you putting off saying I’m sorry to or admitting you were wrong?