

Procrastination Week

National Procrastination Week begins on the first Monday in March and ends on Sunday – but, of course, it is celebrated the following week, which is the one we are now in.

The celebration furthers the cause of putting things off and promotes procrastination as a favorable aspect of life. National Procrastination Week has been observed for about 40 years.

In 1956, someone in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, thought it would be funny for an organization called the Procrastinators Club to postpone its first meeting. An actual meeting became necessary because an announcement by the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel caught the attention of the press. The Procrastinators Club of America has 14,500 members worldwide. There are members in every country in Europe, as well as in Japan, Australia, Israel, New Zealand and other countries.

Most of us are always in a rush, trying to accomplish more and more. On the other hand, a lethargic approach to life leads to procrastination, which results in missed opportunities. If we commit each day to God and let Him help arrange our schedule, setting our priorities, we will accomplish what is truly important and not be pressured by unfinished business and half-finished projects. Danny Cox, a motivational speaker who has addressed the annual meetings of Life Care, put it a unique way: "If you have a lot of frogs to swallow, swallow the biggest one first."

How wonderful that God never procrastinates the way we do. Our lives are grand projects He has planned down to the last detail – to help us grow up into the image of Christ and to use us to bring honor and glory to His name. Because of God's faithfulness, we can be confident that He will complete the work He started in us. Nothing in heaven or on earth can sidetrack Him from His plans. He will finish right on time.

--Beecher Hunter