

My future looks like this

Ephesians 6:21~24

²¹ Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am, and what I am doing.

v21a. My future is already

I am drawn in by

I am pushed out by

I am lifted up by

²² I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

v21b-22. My future is **myself**

Know the

Live with

My purpose: 1 Thess.4:3-8, 1 Thess.5:18

..... people up

²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

v23-24. Who **need to become**

²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

My prayer priorities for this week

For personal reflection and discussion starters

1. When you were young, what did you look forward to in your future?
2. Tychicus is called "beloved / much loved / dear" (depending on your Bible translation). Think about your family, church, friends and colleagues that you love the most; make a list of the characteristics that make them loveable, likeable or attractive.
3. Make a second list: the characteristics of the people you find most difficult to love.
4. What are some practical steps you can take ~ for yourself or a friend, that will increase the attractive characteristics &/or decrease the unpleasant characteristics?
5. "We may not have it all together, but together we have it all." What does this mean in our church? How can we have more?
6. What was the double purpose of Tychicus (v22)? Who is the focus in each purpose? Does the second one (encourage) depend on the first one (know)? What do you want to know? What encourages you?
7. What are the 4 Virtues named in v23~24? Give a brief definition of each of them. Why does God want us to have each of them, and all of them? Over the years, which has been the greatest comfort to you?