



JOY IN YOUR FUTURE









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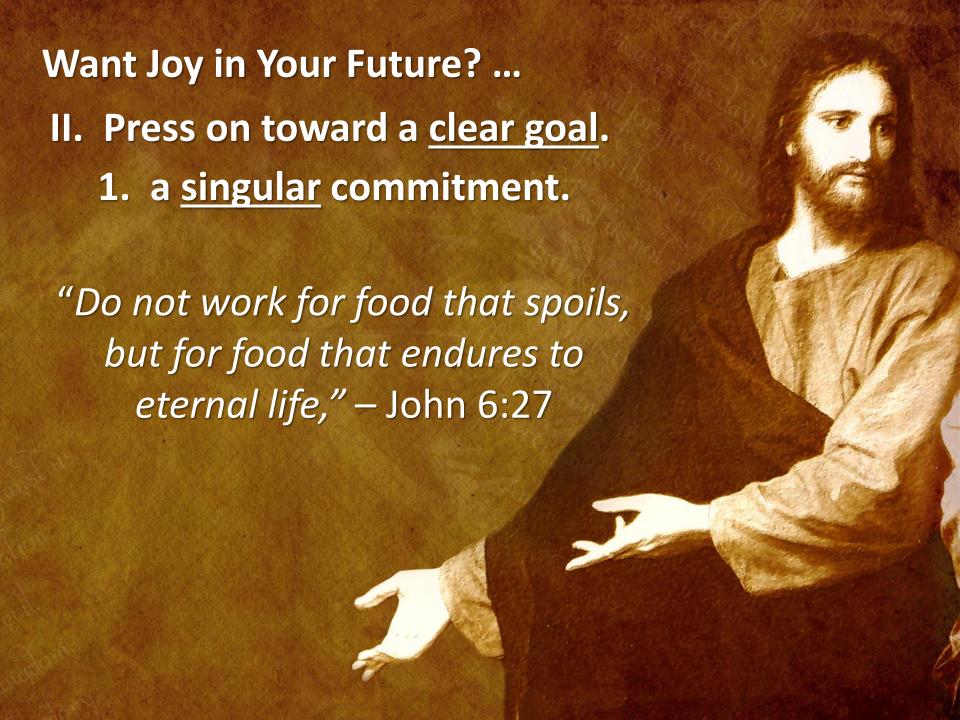
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"For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as <u>enemies</u> <u>of the cross of Christ</u>." – Philippians 3:18



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