

Raising Wise Sons and Daughters In A Misinformed Age

“Plan Ahead”

Ecclesiastes 9:11–10:20

The Lord’s Day Morning

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[Questions 1–24 are available on request at steve@fbc.org]

Q25. In a fallen world “under the sun,” where life is so unpredictable and apparently random, why should we make plans?

A25. Because God has so ordered the world that we are _____ to wisely prepare for the future, faithfully manage his gifts, humbly trust him for help, and gladly give him the glory for our _____.

Q26. What are the principles of planning presented in Ecclesiastes?

A26. Six Principles of Planning in Ecclesiastes are these:

1. A _____ plan with few resources is better than a _____ plan with many resources (9:11–17).
2. The _____ plans can be ruined by the _____ fools (9:18–10:7).
3. Every wise plan involves calculated _____ and mid-course _____ (10:8–9).
4. A wise plan accepts short-term _____ for long-term _____ (10:10–11).
5. Plans that are communicated with _____ tend to be executed with _____ (10:12–15).
6. The probability of success rises and falls with the quality of _____ (10:16–20).

Q27. How should we approach the process of planning?

A27. With an awareness of our dependence on our sovereign God who will cause even our _____ plans to work for our ultimate good and his ultimate glory.