

Trusting God with Our Plans

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I. Leaving God out of our plans

James 4:13 (NLT) *Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.”*

Don't make life plans without God.

Proverbs 14:12 (NLT) *There is a path before each person that seems right but ends in death.*

Frustration comes when we leave God out of our plans.

Proverbs 19:3 (NLT) *People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the LORD.*

Proverbs 21:2 (NASB95) *Every man's way is right in his own eyes. But the LORD weighs the hearts.*

Weighs: h8505. כָּנָן *tākan*; a primitive root; to balance, i.e. measure out (by weight or dimension); figuratively, arrange, equalize, through the idea of leveling (ment. estimate, test): — bear up, direct, be ((un-)equal, mete, ponder, tell, weigh.

*****Psalms 139:1-6 (NASB 2020)** LORD, You have searched me and known me.

II. Why wouldn't we consider God in our plans

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) *For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.*

God has a perfect plan, and there are two purposes in that plan: our good and His glory

****Romans 8:29-30 (NLT)** *For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, He called them to come to Him. And having called them, He gave them right standing with Himself. And having given them right standing, He gave them His glory.*

Our good and His glory!!

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NASB 2020) *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.*

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT) *Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.*

III. What is the result?

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Proverbs 3:7-8 (NASB 2020) *Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones.*

Even if we make a mistake...

Romans 8:28 (NASB 2020) *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

Purpose: prosthesis; Strong's #4286: The word suggests a deliberate plan, a proposition, an advance plan, an intention, and a design.

John 10:10 (NLT) The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

Isaiah 40:31 (AMP) But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired.

*****Psalm 37:3-8 (NLT)** Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.