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The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps. (Proverbs 16:9 ESV)

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.  
(Proverbs 19:21 ESV)

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[13] Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit” —[14] yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. [15] Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” [16] As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. [17] So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. (James 4:13–17 ESV)

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# Acts 14:19-23

[19] But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. [20] But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. [21] When they had preached the gospel to that city and had *made many disciples*, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,

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[22] strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that ***through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.*** [23] And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

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*Character matters more than experience  
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# 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

[19] For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. [20] To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

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# 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

[21] To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

[22] To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. [23] I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

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## Key Principle #2

*Specific sacrifices are often necessary to connect people with the gospel.*

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# Key Principle #3

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# Key Principle #4

*A closed door can be a clear way for God to communicate his will to us.*

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# Key Principle #5

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