

**THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

**(Godly Wisdom – Our Compass at the Crossroads of Life)**

**Part 9 – Planning with Purpose**

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**1. God has plans for \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Isaiah 46:10 (NLT)**, “Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. **Everything I plan will come to pass**, for I do whatever I wish.”

**Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV)**, “<sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to **give you hope and a future**. Then **you will call on me** and come and **pray to me**, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup>You will **seek me and find me** when you seek me with **all your heart**.”

**2. We must plan with \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 16:1-4 (NLT)**, “**We can make our own plans**, but the LORD gives the right answer. <sup>2</sup>People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord **examines their motives**. <sup>3</sup>**Commit your actions to the LORD**, and **your plans will succeed**. <sup>4a</sup>The LORD has made everything for **his own purposes**.”

**Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)**, “**Many** are the **plans** in a person’s heart, but it is the **Lord’s purpose that prevails**.”

**3. You need to have a \_\_\_\_\_ plan.**

**Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)**, “Where there is **no vision, the people perish**: but happy is he that keeps the law.”

**Habakkuk 2:2 (NKJV)**, “Then the Lord answered me and said: “**Write the vision and make it plain** on tablets, that he may run who reads it.”

**Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**, “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God **prepared in advance** for us to do.”

**4. Fear God, not \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)**, “**Fearing people is a dangerous trap**, but trusting the Lord means safety.”

**Matthew 25:23 (NIV)**, <sup>23</sup>“His master replied, ‘**Well done, good and faithful servant!** You have been faithful with a **few things**; I will put you in charge of **many things**. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

**Matthew 25:26-29 (NIV)**, <sup>26</sup>“His master replied, ‘**You wicked, lazy servant!** So, you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup>Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned, I would have received it back with interest.<sup>28</sup>“**So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags.** <sup>29</sup>**For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.**”

**Galatians 1:10 (NLT)**, “Obviously, I’m **not trying to win the approval of people**, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.”

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ your plans to God.**

**Palm 37:23-24 (NIV)**, <sup>23</sup>“**The LORD directs the steps of the godly**. He delights in **every detail** of their lives. <sup>24</sup>Though they stumble, they will never fall, for **the Lord holds them by the hand**.”

**James 4:15-17 (NLT)**, “<sup>15</sup>What you ought to say is, “**If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that**.” <sup>16</sup>Otherwise you are boasting about **your own pretentious plans**, and all such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup>Remember, **it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it**.”

**Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)**, “<sup>3</sup>Do **nothing** out of **selfish ambition or vain conceit**. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the **interests of the others**.”

**Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)**, “We can make **our plans**, but the Lord **determines our steps**.”

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