

Building Successful Plans

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Plan / Proverbs 16:3

Christians must remember to include God in all our decisions and strategies.



Proverbs 16:3 ESV

³ Commit your work to the LORD,
and your plans will be established.

Reflect on [Proverbs 16:3](#): "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." How can this verse guide your decision-making and planning processes in the upcoming year? In what practical ways can you incorporate your Christian faith into your daily routines, long-term goals, and strategies?

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Proverbs 15:22 ESV

²² Without counsel plans fail,
but with many advisers they succeed.

Examining the Consequences: A Reflection Question

Reflecting on "The Consequences of Not Consulting God" and Proverbs 15:22, which of the following statements best encapsulates the central lesson of the story of John?

1. Success in business relies solely on individual skill and determination.
2. Consulting God or His Word is unnecessary in decision-making processes.
3. Without God's counsel, plans are prone to failure, but with His guidance, they can prosper.
4. It is only at the point of failure that one should turn to God for help.

Jeremiah 29:11 ESV

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Reflecting on [Jeremiah 29:11](#): A Question for Young Adults and High Schoolers

Consider [Jeremiah 29:11](#), "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." As a young adult or high schooler, how does this verse encourage you to invite God into your planning process? How might seeking God's will influence your decisions about future studies, career paths, and personal growth?

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Proverbs 21:5 ESV

⁵ The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

Reflecting on [Proverbs 21:5](#): An Insightful Question

Considering the teachings from [Proverbs 21:5](#), "The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty," which of the following statements best captures the essence of planning with humility?

1. One should rely solely on their own abilities and efforts when making plans.
2. Being hasty in planning indicates a high level of humility.
3. Humility in planning involves acknowledging the role of God's sovereign will in the success of our plans.
4. With humility, there is no need for diligence in planning.

Luke 14:28 ESV

²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

Reflecting on [Luke 14:28](#): A Thought-Provoking Question

Ponder on [Luke 14:28](#), "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?" In the context of your own plans and ambitions, how does this verse inspire you to evaluate your decisions from an eternal perspective? How do your plans contribute to God's kingdom and have an impact beyond this temporary life?

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James 4:13–15 ESV

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.”

Reflecting on the teachings within this study, particularly the importance of seeking God's will, planning with humility, and maintaining an eternal perspective, how do you intend to apply these principles to your daily life? As you ponder on this, consider the impact these practices could have on your personal growth, your relationships, and your contribution to God's kingdom. What specific steps will you take to ensure that your plans align with God's will and purpose for your life?

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RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Gospel

Romans 10:17 (ESV)
¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



Believe the Gospel

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV)
⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.



Repent of Your Sins

Luke 13:3 (ESV)
³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.



Confess Jesus as the Son God

Matthew 10:32 (ESV)
³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven.



Be Baptized (Born Again)

Acts 2:38 (ESV)
³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."



Remain Faithful (Be Steadfast)

Revelation 2:10 (ESV)
¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.



OBEY GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

