

## LESSON 32: PLANNING

### *FOLLOWING GOD'S CALL WITH WISDOM, FAITH, AND SURRENDER*

"COMMIT YOUR WORKS TO THE LORD,  
AND YOUR THOUGHTS WILL BE ESTABLISHED."  
PROVERBS 16:3

WHY TALK ABOUT PLANNING? PLANNING IS A DISCIPLESHIP ISSUE.

PLANNING ANSWERS QUESTIONS LIKE:

- WHAT AM I DOING WITH MY LIFE?
- HOW AM I STEWARDING MY TIME?
- AM I BEING INTENTIONAL OR JUST REACTING?

FAITHFULNESS INVOLVES \_\_\_\_\_.

#### TWO DANGERS IN PLANNING

- 1 PLANNING EVERYTHING AND ASKING GOD TO BLESS *OUR* BLUEPRINT
- 2 PLANNING NOTHING AND CALLING LAZINESS "BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT"

BIBLICAL PLANNING IS BETTER:

WE SEEK GOD \_\_\_\_\_, THEN MOVE FORWARD \_\_\_\_\_, WITH OPEN HANDS.

#### 1. ALL TRUE PLANNING FLOWS OUT OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

BEFORE GOD MOVES THROUGH PEOPLE,  
HE MEETS WITH PEOPLE.

JESUS SAID: "I DO NOTHING OF MYSELF..." (JOHN 8:28)

MINISTRY IS \_\_\_\_\_.

IF THE WELL RUNS DRY, THE \_\_\_\_\_ RUNS DRY.

KEY TRUTH:

PRAYER SHAPES THE \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. THE BIBLE AFFIRMS WISE PLANNING

**"THE PLANS OF THE DILIGENT LEAD SURELY TO PLENTY."**

**PROVERBS 21:5**

**"WHICH OF YOU, INTENDING TO BUILD A TOWER, DOES NOT SIT DOWN FIRST AND COUNT THE COST...?"**

**LUKE 14:28**

**FAITH DOES NOT CANCEL PLANNING.**

**FAITH KEEPS PLANNING -----.**

## 3. NEHEMIAH: A MODEL OF GODLY PLANNING

**NEHEMIAH RESPONDED WITH:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**NEHEMIAH PRAYED BEFORE HE ACTED — AND WHEN THE MOMENT CAME, HE WAS -----.**

**"ACCORDING TO THE GOOD HAND OF MY GOD UPON ME."**

**NEHEMIAH 2:8**

**HE TRUSTED THE -----, NOT THE PLAN.**

## 4. GODLY PLANNING IS STEWARDSHIP, NOT CONTROL

**"A MAN'S HEART PLANS HIS WAY,  
BUT THE LORD DIRECTS HIS STEPS."**

**PROVERBS 16:9**

**WE PLAN.**

**GOD -----.**

**PLANNING MUST REMAIN ----- AND SURRENDERED.**

## 5. GODLY GOALS - WHAT ARE WE AIMING AT?

PAUL SAID:

"I PRESS TOWARD THE \_\_\_\_\_" (PHILIPPIANS 3:14)

OUR GOALS ARE NOT:

- SUCCESS
- NUMBERS
- RECOGNITION

OUR GOALS ARE:

- \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLES (MATTHEW 28:19–20)
- GROWING IN \_\_\_\_\_ (1 PETER 1:15–16)
- LOVING OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_ (JOHN 13:34–35)
- PROCLAIMING CHRIST \_\_\_\_\_ (2 TIMOTHY 4:2)

GOD CARES MORE ABOUT WHO WE \_\_\_\_\_ THAN WHAT WE ACCOMPLISH.

## 6. PRACTICAL STEPS FOR GODLY PLANNING

STEP 1 — SEEK \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST - PSALM 37:5

STEP 2 — DISCERN THE \_\_\_\_\_ - PROVERBS 11:14

STEP 3 — DEFINE THE \_\_\_\_\_ - HABAKKUK 2:2

STEP 4 — COUNT THE \_\_\_\_\_ - LUKE 14:28

STEP 5 — SET \_\_\_\_\_, GOD-HONORING GOALS

STEP 6 — EXPECT \_\_\_\_\_

NEHEMIAH | EPHESIANS 6:12

STEP 7 — MOVE FORWARD AND KEEP \_\_\_\_\_

## **BIBLE STUDY FOCUS: PROVERBS 16:1–9**

### **KEY THEME:**

**PLANNING IS \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN SURRENDERED TO GOD.**

### **KEY TRUTHS FROM PROVERBS 16:**

- **WE PREPARE, BUT GOD DETERMINES \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **GOD WEIGHS THE \_\_\_\_\_, NOT JUST THE PLAN.**
- **SURRENDER BRINGS \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **PRIDE RUINS PLANS; \_\_\_\_\_ INVITES GOD.**
- **RIGHTEOUSNESS MATTERS MORE THAN \_\_\_\_\_.**

**“COMMIT YOUR WORKS TO THE LORD...” (PROVERBS 16:3)**

### **PERSONAL HEART CHECK**

#### **ASK YOURSELF:**

- 1 AM I DEPENDING ON THE SPIRIT OR \_\_\_\_\_?**
- 2 IS MY IDENTITY TIED TO \_\_\_\_\_ OR OBEDIENCE?**
- 3 AM I OPEN TO \_\_\_\_\_ AND CORRECTION?**
- 4 AM I WILLING FOR GOD TO \_\_\_\_\_ MY PLANS?**
- 5 IS JESUS THE \_\_\_\_\_ OR JUST THE MASCOT?**

### **KEY TAKEAWAY**

**WISE PLANNING IS NOT COLD STRATEGY.**

**WISE PLANNING IS:**

**WORSHIP SHAPED INTO CALENDARS, PRIORITIES, DECISIONS, AND OBEDIENCE.**

### **MEMORY VERSE**

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