

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 _____.

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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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