

Getting Started

Take some time to discuss your responses to these questions about how you approach planning.

- Are you a planner?
- How do you plan?
- Which areas in your life do you plan the most? Which areas are neglected?
- What frustrates you most with planning?
- Since God is sovereign over all things, why is it necessary to still plan?

Discussion

Pastor Lee provided an outline for this week's message on planning. As you work through each point, share your insights, areas of agreement, additional ideas, and next steps that you may take to apply these truths.

1. Start with prayer
Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. (Proverbs 16:3 ESV)
2. Plan
The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won't face facts. (Proverbs 14:8 TLB)
3. Get Help
Plans are established by counsel; by wise guidance wage war. (Proverbs 20:18 ESV)
4. Work the Plan
The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty. (Proverbs 21:5 ESV)

When the events of life happen and our plans “blow-up”, how are we to respond and adjust our plans going forward?

What is the principle from Proverbs 27:1 and James 4:13-15 that we must apply to the planning process?

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring. (Proverbs 27:1 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.” (James 4:13-15 ESV)

Prayer

Identify one take away from this week’s message/discussion, share it with the group and ask God for the wisdom to start, stop or do more of that behavior.