



The question for this quarter is a question that has been in debate in the Christian community for some time.

Question: Why should a Christian make plans when God says He already knows the plans for us and that He has already predestined our lives?

Answer: Let's explore God's Word for our answer. Habakkuk 2:2-3 tells us *"Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.*

Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

Father God gives His children dreams or visions of their purpose, which is His plan for their life—which also may be our "calling." When He gives us these dreams or visions, He instructs us to write them down. Also, these dreams or visions can be for a group of people with a message of God's intent for that group; messages for immediate fulfillment or a message meant for the future.

Dreams and visions were given to the Prophets by God to be spoken and written messages to the children of Israel and for the future Church. The Prophets personally recorded God's plans for Israel and the nations or they had a recorder write them on scrolls to be read.

Father God says to make the vision "plain" on tablets, meaning He wants the reader or hearer to understand what He is saying.

So what does it mean to plan? A plan is nothing more than documenting the direction of your calling/purpose revealed to you by God; such as a plan being financially debt free; or future ministry direction, etc.

Corporate America uses God's method of planning, otherwise they would not be successful in their business. Every functioning business has a "business plan" in place. This business plan keeps the company on track with the owners original vision. The business plan also serves as a guideline for others involved in the company to follow.

So you see a plan helps you stay focused and gives direction on where and what you want to do in life with the dreams or visions given to you by God. Writing the "vision or plan" on paper keeps us reminded of our destiny—the plans He has for us—to have hope and a future.

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving—it will be used to measure what is given back to you.

Luke 6:38



When God gave Joseph the interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams, He also gave Joseph a plan to help the nation of Egypt. When Joseph told the plan to Pharaoh, Pharaoh made Joseph second in command in Egypt and told him to implement his plan immediately. Don't you think Joseph wrote the plan on tablet (paper)? Yes, he did! The entire plan is outlined in the Book of Genesis. Joseph wrote the vision (plan) and "*made it plain, that he may run who reads it.*" This plan saved not only Egypt, but also the surrounding nations, including the Israelite nation!

God has a calling for all of His children. When we seek Him to discover what that calling is, we are instructed to write it down as a guide. *For you see, the vision is for yet an appointed time, but at the end it will speak....* God calls us, then prepares us to be able to walk and function in whatever the calling is. Some of us have some dross that needs burned off, and some of us need more training by Holy Spirit and some of us may need to learn how to slow down and "wait on the Lord." Whatever the reason, know that God is faithful to perform what He has chosen you to do for the future. It will come!

Waiting on the Lord, I believe, is the hardest. Once we know what God wants us to do, we want to run immediately, but remember Brothers and Sisters, God is in no hurry. In the fullness of time it will come. It will not tarry!

Father God is the author of "planning" and commending His "plans" in written format. The Bible is God's Master Plan for His creation. Genesis through Revelation is God's plan from now unto eternity. As you study the Bible and review history, you will discover that some things have already happened and the future plans are still waiting to happen. God has not deviated from his plans!

So, should we have plans? Yes! When Father gives you dreams and visions, ask Him what do they mean. Are they for you or for others? Write them down and date them. Also partner with Father God and ask Him what plan(s) does He have for you and your family, for your job, where to live. What about your stewardship? Ask Him to help you and your family to plan for your financial future to become debt free and to fulfill the dreams He has planted in your heart.

Too often I hear people say, "*I don't know what plans God has for my life*" or that they have no purpose in life. Let me assure you, God has a plan for you, and you have a purpose! It is your responsibility to seek God's advice for your life and trust me, He will tell you—*Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."* And guess what, God will make his plans plain to you so that when you write it down and read it, you may understand it and run with it.