

PLANNING: PARTNERING WITH GOD - A KEY TO SUCCESS



As the new year begins, many are going to make plans, resolutions or set goals that they want to accomplish this year. It's understandable that making/developing plans may be vital to governments, businesses, organizations or individuals, but they are also important to God. God, who is the inventor of time, exists in eternity—so he knows everything about us and has great plans for our future (**Jeremiah 29:11, 1 Corinthians 2:9**). God is in favor of planning and is ready to counsel us if we seek His direction. (**Psalm 33:11, Psalm 37:5-6, 23, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 19:21**)



Planning ahead allows us the ability to look into the future and close the gap between what we hope for and reality. It is the bridge that can carry us from where we are today to where God wants us to be in the future. Planning is important, but seeking God for direction, is key to success (**Proverbs 16:3 TLB**). Remember a man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. (**Proverbs 16:9**)

I write my personal goals at the beginning of the year and have been doing so for many years. This keeps me focused and forward thinking. I find that when I pray and seek God's counsel, during this process, I have more peace and success.

The bible contains many scriptures about planning and encourages us to prepare for the future. Some Scriptures on Planning to study and meditate on:

Psalm 33:11	Proverbs 16:9	Psalm 20:4
Psalm 37:5-6	Proverbs 19:21	Jeremiah 29:11
Psalm 37:23	Proverbs 15:22	1 Corinthians 2:9 Ephesians 2:10
Proverbs 16:3 (TLB)	Proverbs 3:5:6	James 4:13-15

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Fill in the blanks

For I know the _____ I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for _____ and not for _____, to give you a _____ and a hope. [Jeremiah 29:11 \(TLB\)](#)

But as it is written: “_____ has not seen, nor _____ heard, Nor have entered into the _____ of man, The things which God has _____ for those who _____ Him.” [1 Corinthians 2:9](#)

The counsel of _____ stands forever, The _____ of His heart to all generations. [Psalm 33:11](#)

Commit _____ to the Lord, _____ in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass. _____ shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. [Psalm 37:5-6](#)

The _____ of a _____ man are ordered by the Lord, And He _____ in his way. [Psalm 37:23](#)

Commit your work to the _____, then it will _____. [Proverbs 16:3 \(TLB\)](#)

A man's heart _____ his ways, But the Lord _____ his steps. [Proverbs 16:9](#)

There are many _____ in a man's heart, Nevertheless the Lord's _____—that will stand. [Proverbs 19:21](#)

Without counsel, _____ go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are _____. [Proverbs 15:22](#)

_____ with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways _____ Him, And He shall _____ your paths. [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

May He grant you according to your _____, And fulfill all your _____. [Psalm 20:4](#)

For we are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for _____, which God prepared _____ that we should walk in them. [Ephesians 2:10](#)

¹³ Come now, you who say, “Today or _____ we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; ¹⁴ whereas you do not know what will happen _____. For what is your ____? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then _____ away.

¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, “_____”, we shall live and do this or that. [James 4:13-15](#)

Note: All scripture is taken from the New King James Version (NKJV) except Proverbs 16:3 and Jeremiah 29:11 are from The Living Bible (TLB)