

A Scriptural View on Board Planning

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IN PLANNING, IT'S IMPORTANT to note what part God plays and what part he expects us to play in it. Here are some Scriptures that give a needed perspective to the planning process.

- "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." (Psalm 32:8, NIV)
- "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)
- "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." (Proverbs 16:3, NIV)
- "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it shall be done for you." (John 15:7, RSV)
- "Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?" (Galatians 3:3, NIV)
- "For the Lord watches over all the plans and paths of godly men, but the paths of the godless lead to doom." (Psalm 1:6, TLB)
- "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." (Psalm 20:4, NIV)
- "Without good direction, people lose their way; the more counsel you follow, the better your chances." (Proverbs 11:14, The Message)
- "Wise people think before they act; fools don't and even brag about it." (Proverbs 13:16, NLT)
- "We can make our plans, but the final outcome is in God's hands." (Proverbs 16:1, TLB)
- "Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is useless." (Psalm 127:1, NLT)
- "Without consultation, plans are frustrated, but with many counselors they succeed. A man has joy in an apt answer, and how delightful is a timely word!" (Proverbs 15:22-23, NASB)
- "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." (Proverbs 16:9, NIV)
- "There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord." (Proverbs 21:30, NIV)
- "A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences." (Proverbs 22:3, TLB)
- "Get the facts at any price, and hold on tightly to all the good sense you can get." (Proverbs 23:23, TLB)

■ “Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.” (Proverbs 24:3-4, TLB)

■ “Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.” (Proverbs 27:23-24, NIV)

■ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?” (Luke 14:28, NIV)

■ “Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:15-17, NASB)

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