

Aligning Your Plan with God's Plan

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How to Embrace God's Plan

How You Choose

- God and The Word provide our solution
 - **Ps.1** – Success is by **MEDITATING ON THE WORD**
Logos: I CAN BE THE WORD MADE FLESH

THE BENEFITS: Being Effective and Successful

- Experiencing Salvation = Abundant Life – **Jn.10:10**
 - Will make Good Decisions = Success
 - Will not get caught into traps
 - God's Promises are yours: Health, Happiness and Peace

Knowing What to Do = Wisdom

- **Pro.4:1,7,13, and 8:1** - **SEEKING WISDOM** – knowing what to do – **IS PRACTICAL**
 - Wisdom is a Spiritual, not a Mental ability

The Word says that it is easy to know what to do

- **Deut.30:11--20** – Follow God's Word - Learn, Accept, Do the Word
 - **Rom.10:4-11** – Do not say in your heart – it is difficult
 - Christ has already achieved
 - **APPLY THE WORD**
- **Jam.1:21-25** – How to be blessed – Be a doer
- **IT ALL STARTS WITH PS.1**

Planning For True Success

Setting the Action Plan

Take God's Perspective on Life

- **TRUST GOD** – Determine when you do not
- **LONG-TERM** solution, no immediate gratification but progress
- **1Sam.16:7** – God looks at **THE HEART** – Spiritual

SET YOUR KEY PRIORITY

- **Pro.4:24** – **PROTECT YOUR HEART** with all diligence
 - Anything that is not righteous-heart based will mess you up (is fleshy, worldly or religious)

Learn to Deal with Your Physical Situation in Spiritual Wisdom

- **DO NOT WORRY** about the physical reality – **Mt.6:25-34, 10:19, Phil.4:4-9**
 - Decisions based on fear are fleshy
- **YOU ARE A PILGRIM:** You are in this world, but you are not of this world – **Jn.17:16**
 - You should work, learn, invest, take care of others: a productive, contributing being
 - But your priority, focus and what you put your trust in, should be spiritual
 - **Pro.3:5-6** – Acknowledge (Heb. yaw-dah' = know experientially be aware of, discern, understand)
- **DON'T GET STUBBORN, OR BE A FOOL** – **Pro.1:1-7** – **PROVERBS THE SOURCE OF WISDOM**
 - Realize that when something that you do does not work
 - If something does not work, change what you do, don't more of it

Live a Congruent Life

- **STUDY** and **APPLY PROVERBS**, especially verses that talk about fools and wisdom
- **Spiritual man is a wise man** = He always seeks Wisdom **Pro.4:1-5-13, 4:20-23**
 - Wisdom is the practical ability to know what to do
 - God's Wisdom is not Street Wise
 - Wisdom comes from the Word of God

Logos: I am therefore I do

What Really Counts: Not WHAT You Want but WHO You Want to Be

Developing Your Character

- **WRITE** statements in the 1st person present tense, as you already have it
 - This is a work in progress
- **CONTENT**
 - Up to 3 pages long
 - The character traits you desire
 - **Include the fruit of the Spirit**
 - **Base it on biblical promises**
 - The way you will treat people
 - How you feel about these traits
 - How you will live in success
- **READ** and **MEDITATE** on it daily
 - Every night before going to bed
 - If you can in the morning and another time during the day
- **IDENTIFY HOW YOU RESPOND** to the different statements you have written
 - Deal with negative feelings and reaction: **COGNITIVE DISSONANCE**
 - Identify the opposing idea
 - Question the opposing idea
 - Introduce the new possibilities

Questions to Consider

1. Why does understanding and applying the instructions in Ps. 1 determine the degree of success in your life?
2. What is the relationship between salvation and success?
3. Explain the difference between man's wisdom and God's wisdom.
4. How does Deut.30:11-20 relate to the concept of free will?
5. Why do believers find it difficult to be doers of the Word according to Rom.10:4-11
6. Why is protecting your heart so important? How can you do it?
7. How does the Word direct us for dealing with our circumstances?
8. What does it mean to live a congruent life? How can you ensure that you are doing it?
9. Explain what is the meaning of character