

Study Guide Planning

1. Discuss the big idea: Plan well, with open hands! Are you a spontaneous person or more of a planner? Prov. 16:9 says, *"The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps."* Discuss.

2. A Plan for planners:

a. Prayer & Purpose

Prov. 16:3 *"Commit your works to the LORD and your plans will be established."*

Why do think it is so important to first seek God's guidance before taking action? Have you ever sought approval of your plans from God? Discuss.

b. Seek Counsel

Prov. 15:22- *"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."*

Share a time when sought wise counsel, or a time when you didn't. What difference can it make to seek counsel before making plans? How balanced do you think your life is? Discuss.

c. Visualization

Prov. 24:27 *"Prepare your work outside; get everything ready for yourself in the field, and after that build your house."*

Where do you see yourself 5 years from now in your career, your health, your spiritual growth, your relationships (marriage, children, friends)? Discuss one area in your life that may require some planning. How can you visualize some next steps?

d. Hard Work

Prov. 21:5- *"The plans of the **diligent** lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."*

Are you struggling to be diligent? Can you bring some people around you to help you execute a plan you already made in the past? Why could that be worth it?

3. The Death of a Vision

Plan well, with open hands. Sometimes God is up to something big.

Watch the following link up to 3:45min.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYuVx2LU5QM#t=264.119395702>

Discuss how God can do even greater things through our brokenness.

Message Slides

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Eph. 5:15-16

"Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil."

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Atomic Habits, by James Clear

*"Your outcomes are a lagging measure of your habits. Your net-worth is a lagging measure of your financial habits. Your weight is a lagging measure of your eating habits. Your knowledge is a lagging measure of your learning habits. Your clutter is a lagging measure of your cleaning habits. **You are what you repeat!**"*

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(until 3:46)

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Prayer Time

1. Where is your planning the weakest? Where do you need wisdom?

Family plan

Career plan

Financial plan

Health plan

Spiritual growth plan

2. What current plans need additional encouragement and accountability?