

Wise Planning

The book of Proverbs (ESV)

The simple believes everything,
but the prudent gives thought to his steps. – **14:15**

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance,
but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty – **21:5**

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death – **14:12**

Do not boast about tomorrow,
for you do not know what a day may bring. – **27:1**

The plans of the heart belong to man,
but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
but the LORD weighs the spirit - **16:1-2**

The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the LORD. – **16:33**

Many are the plans in the mind of a man,
but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand. – **19:22**

1. Trust and commit all you do to God

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths – **3:5-6**

Commit your work to the LORD,
and your plans will be established. – **16:3**

2. Listen to the counsel of God's people

Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life,
but he who rejects reproof leads others astray – **10:17**

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes
But a wise man listens to advice. – **12:15**

Without counsel plans fail,
but with many advisers they succeed – **15:22**

Plans are established by counsel;
by wise guidance wage war. – **20:18**

3. Live a wise life God's way

The integrity of the upright guides them,
but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them – **11:3**

The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way,
but the folly of fools is deceiving – **14:8**

What is desired in a man is steadfast love,
and a poor man is better than a liar.

The fear of the LORD leads to life,
and whoever has it rests satisfied;
he will not be visited by harm. – **19:22-23**