

Plans Fail

I have been proud. I have thought that I did not need wise counsel. I have made plans without seeking your advice. I have not listened well. I have not heard all that you had to say to me. I have not heeded your warnings. I have raced headlong to implement my own plans. I have wanted to achieve my own purposes and fulfill my own goals. I have experienced failure. I have suffered loss. I have gone through painful experiences because I thought I knew it all. What mistakes I have made. What missteps I have taken. Oh, how I have wasted time and expended energy going in the wrong direction to do what was not your will or plan for my life. **All has not been wasted. All is not lost. I have used your mistakes and missteps. Your painful experiences have taught you valuable lessons. You have been humbled by your own pride. Was there any other way for you to learn? Hasn't it been important for you to see the error of your own ways? In your pain and suffering you have cried out to me. You are now ready and willing to ask for my help. I have your attention. You are willing and able to listen to my voice. You are seeking my guidance. You want my plan. You want to fulfill my purposes.** Yes, I want your plan. Yes, I want to fulfill your purposes. It is true, you do have my attention. My eyes and ears are focused on you. I am watching and waiting for your guidance. I welcome your instruction. I want your advice. I will go no further. I will not take another step without your wisdom and counsel guiding my life. **That is very good.**

How do you think I will speak to you? How will I give you my wise counsel? How will you receive my advice? I know that you will speak to me through your word. I know that your Holy Spirit will take your word and apply it directly to my life. **That's right. How else?** You will bring wise counselors into my life. You give me people to see what I cannot see. You will use others to help me to know what I do not know. You will speak to me in and through the circumstances of my life. **That is also true. What do you most need in order to hear from me?** I will need humility. I will need to continually remember that I desperately need wise counsel. I cannot get along without your advice. **What will humility cause you to do?** Humility will cause me to listen. Humility will cause me to seek wise counsel and accept advice. **Will you listen carefully to my wise counsel? Will you accept my advice?** Yes, Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I know that I do not know it all. I have blind spots. There are things that I do not see or understand. Instead of rushing ahead with my own plans I will seek your counsel and that of trusted advisors you have placed in my life. Amen

Plans *Lack Of Counsel*
Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.
NIV Proverbs 15:22

Plans *Without Counsel*
Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.
ESV Proverbs 15:22

Plans *Lack Of Advice*
Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.
NLT Proverbs 15:22

Plans *Without Counsel*
Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.
NKJV Proverbs 15:22

Plans *Without Counsel*
Without counsel, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed.
NRSV Proverbs 15:22

Plans *Refuse Good Advice*
Refuse good advice and watch your plans fail; take good counsel and watch them succeed.
MSG Proverbs 15:22

Plans *No Counsel*
Where there is no counsel, purposes are frustrated, but with many counselors they are accomplished.
AMP Proverbs 15:22

Plans *Too Few Counselors*
Plans go wrong with too few counselors; many counselors bring success.
TLB Proverbs 15:22

Plans *Without Consultation*
Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed.
NASB Proverbs 15:22

Plans *Without Good Advice*
Plans fail without good advice, but they succeed with the advice of many others.
NCV Proverbs 15:22

Lack Of Counsel

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Plans – Proverbs 15:22

In Context: *Read Proverbs 15*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How ready and willing are you to accept advice and wise counsel from others?

How has the Lord placed wise counselors in your life to help guide your plans?

What has made you think that you can handle a situation without receiving any advice?

What will happen to your plans if you do not seek wise counsel from the Lord?

When has your own pride caused you to think you don’t need wise counsel from others?

When have your plans met with failure because you did not seek wise counsel from others?

How are you making it a regular habit and pattern in your life to seek wise counsel from the Lord?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Rely on the Lord’s wise counsel to guide your plans.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will give you His wise counsel to guide your plans.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has given you His wise counsel to guide your plans.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May your plans be guided by wise counsel that you receive from the Lord.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will seek your wise counsel so that you can guide my plans.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to guide my plans with your wise counsel?
