

HOW TO MAKE A PLAN

TEXT: PROVERBS 3:1-12

Even as we pursue godly wisdom we are faced with endless unknowns. What will tomorrow bring? Will our plans turn out the way we expect? What happens when they don't? Such questions can reveal the anxiety of our hearts. It's here where Proverbs tells us to trust not in ourselves but in The LORD who makes our paths straight.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **HEAD:** Questions aimed at our minds to help us *understand* God's word.
 - The father once again appeals to his son in Proverbs 3:1-13. There are six sets of instructions in these verses (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12). What are they?
 - What are the results of obedience to these instructions (v.2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12)?
2. **HEART:** Questions aimed at our affections to help us *love* God.
 - Solomon tells us that we receive God's guidance by acknowledging him in all of our ways (v.6). Jesus speaks similar words in Matthew 6:33. As you evaluate your priorities, what would you say is important to you? Have you acknowledged the LORD with all your heart and in all your ways? Why/ why not?
 - In verses 9 we are told to honor the LORD with our wealth. How does our spending and our view of wealth and money reveal the condition of our hearts? (See 1 Timothy 6:10)
3. **HANDS:** Questions aimed at our hands to help us *live for* God (Personally, Communally, and Missionally).
 - One of the primary ways we can avoid leaning on our own understanding is by submitting to the word of God. What are your Bible reading/study

habits? In what ways have you recently submitted to God instead of your own understanding?

- What are some key areas in your life where you haven't been acknowledging the LORD? How can you grow in this area? How can your Gospel Community help you?

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