



## Sermon Questions

Date: *July 17, 2022* / Scripture: *Proverbs on Planning (see reverse)*

1. Read the selections from Proverbs on the next page. What do these passages teach us about our plans for our life?
2. Where in life do you find it hardest to plan? Are there areas in your life where you are tempted to become lazy, complacent, or apathetic?
3. Given these verses how are we to view the relationship between God's will and our planning?
4. Do you feel encouraged, frustrated, or condemned by these proverbs? If so, why? What attributes of God, seen in these proverbs, provide you solace while planning?
5. What does it look like to personally trust God in your own life? How has he shown himself to be trustworthy to you? When have you been glad, disappointed, or devastated that your plans did not come to fruition?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

6. A quote from the sermon was "Wise people make commitments to each other and keep them". Additionally, we heard that plans are not only good for the individual, but they are good for the community. What plans can you make this week to benefit the local community?
7. In John 16:33 Jesus says "you will have tribulation." Jesus' words and the Proverbs tell us that some of our plans will fail. Pick one of these Proverbs; when you encounter troubles this week commit to slowing down and meditating on that passage.

### **WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- I Samuel 2:1-10
- Jeremiah 29:11
- Psalm 90:12
- Matthew 7:24-27
- Luke 14:28-33
- 2 Corinthians 9:6

*Serve*: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer

*Pray* for our young people in Scotland this week

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

Proverbs 16:1-3

*The plans of the heart belong to man,  
but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.  
2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,  
but the LORD weighs the spirit.  
3 Commit your work to the LORD,  
and your plans will be established.*

Proverbs 3:5-6

*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.*

Proverbs 16:9

*The heart of man plans his way,  
but the LORD establishes his steps.*

Proverbs 16:25

*There is a way that seems right to a man,  
but its end is the way to death.*

Proverbs 19:21

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

Proverbs 20:5

*The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water,  
but a man of understanding will draw it out.*

Proverbs 20:18

*Plans are established by counsel;  
by wise guidance wage war.*

Proverbs 20:24

*A man's steps are from the LORD;  
how then can man understand his way?*

Proverbs 21:1

*The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD;  
he turns it wherever he will.*

Proverbs 21:30-31

*No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel  
can avail against the LORD.  
31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle,  
but the victory belongs to the LORD.*

Proverbs 27:23-27

*Know well the condition of your flocks,  
and give attention to your herds,  
24 for riches do not last forever;  
and does a crown endure to all generations?  
25 When the grass is gone and the new growth appears  
and the vegetation of the mountains is gathered,  
26 the lambs will provide your clothing,  
and the goats the price of a field.  
27 There will be enough goats' milk for your food,  
for the food of your household  
and maintenance for your girls.*

Proverbs 14:15

*The simple believes everything,  
but the prudent gives thought to his steps.*