

## James 4:13-14 (NLT)

Look here, you who say, Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit. [14] How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog - it's here a little while, then it's gone.

## **James 4:15-17 (NLT)**

What you ought to say is, If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that. [16]

Otherwise you are boasting about your own plans, and all such boasting is evil.

[17] Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

## **Psalm 39:4-5 (NET)**

O LORD, help me understand my mortality and the brevity of life! Let me realize how quickly my life will pass! [5] Look, you make my days short-lived, and my life span is nothing from your perspective. Surely all people, even those who seem secure, are nothing but vapor.

**MY plan - God's  
PLAN**

**James 4:13-17**

→ The time to repair the roof is -  
when the sun is shining.

JF Kennedy

→ It does not pay to leave a live  
dragon out of your plans -  
if you live near him.

JRR Tolkien

→ Life is what happens to us -  
while we are making other plans.

A. Saunders

→ Give me six hours to chop down a tree and

I will spend the first four sharpening  
the axe. A Lincoln



→ Failing to **PLAN** -  
is **Planning** to **FAIL**

Benjamin Franklin

→ **All human PLANS** are subject to  
**RUTHLESS** revision -

by Nature, Fate, or whatever one prefers  
to call the **POWER** behind the **Universe**.

AC Clarke

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→ **Submitting to God** acknowledges  
HE is in **Control** of **Everything**  
including the **FUTURE**

→ **Submitting to God SAYS...**

I want what **YOU WANT** -

You are **my Lord** and **my God**

For us **to PLAN** as if **God** did **NOT exist** is **arrogant** and **self-focused**.  
It is a **declaration of independence**  
from **God** and it ignores reality.

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→ To **IGNORE** God  
and make **PLANS**  
is utter **FOOLISHNESS**

Ephesians 5:15-18 (HCS)

Pay careful attention, then, **to how you WALK** - not as unwise people but as wise - [16] making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

[17] So **don't be foolish**, but

**UNDERSTAND** what the Lord's **WILL** is.

[18] And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to **reckless actions**, but be **FILLED** by the **Spirit**:



Psalms 37:4 (NIV)

**DELIGHT** yourself in the LORD  
and He will give you  
the desires of your heart.

(NET) ...take **DELIGHT** in the Lord  
and He will **ANSWER** your prayers.

**DELIGHT-** is to find our

**Satisfaction in God alone**

If we truly **DELIGHT** in the Lord,  
then the chief **DESIRE** of our heart  
will **be to KNOW Him** better  
so we can **delight** in Him even **more**,  
and the **Lord will satisfy**  
**that desire.** Wiersbe

1 Thessalonians 4:3 (HCS)

**For this is God's WILL,**  
**your Sanctification...**

The goal of **Sanctification**  
is **progressive conformity** to the  
image of Jesus Christ.

The **believer participates with**  
the **Spirit** in the **process**  
**of transformation** that  
continues until **glorification**. HCS

The **WILL** of God comes from the  
**HEART** of God.

His **PLAN** is the expression  
of His **LOVE**.

So we don't have to be afraid.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

Don't you realize that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit**, who lives in you and was given to you by God?

You do not belong to yourself, for **God bought you with a HIGH PRICE**. So you must **HONOR** God with your body.

[17] Anyone, then, who **knows the good**  
**he ought to do**  
and doesn't do it, **sins.**



→ It is not enough to **NOT DO** what is  
**WRONG** –

We must also Positively **DO** what is **RIGHT**

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are **God's workmanship,**  
created **IN Christ Jesus**  
to do **GOOD WORKS,**  
which **God prepared** in advance  
**for us to do.**

## **Submitting to God should be SEEN in...**

- HOW we **Talk ABOUT** others
- HOW we **Talk TO** others
- our **OBEDIENCE** to **God's WORD**
- how we **Acknowledge God is in Control** of  
**Everything** - Including the **FUTURE**
- our **SAYING I want what YOU WANT** -  
You are MY Lord and MY God

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the **PLANS** I have for you,"

declares the **LORD**,

"**PLANS** to prosper you and

**NOT** to harm you,

**PLANS** to give you **HOPE** and a future.

Jeremiah 29:10-11 (NIV)

This is what **the LORD** says: "When **seventy years** are completed for Babylon, **I will come to you** and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.

[11] For I know the **PLANS** I have for you," declares the LORD, "**PLANS to prosper you** and **NOT** to harm you, **PLANS to give you HOPE** and a future.

God's **WILL** for you is **EXACTLY**  
what you would choose  
**IF** you had **ALL** the facts.

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