

Devotional Thoughts :: Don't Plan Without God Oswald Chambers

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Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass —Psalm 37:5

Don't plan without God. God seems to have a delightful way of upsetting the plans we have made, when we have not taken Him into account. We get ourselves into circumstances that were not chosen by God, and suddenly we realize that we have been making our plans without Him—that we have not even considered Him to be a vital, living factor in the planning of our lives. And yet the only thing that will keep us from even the possibility of worrying is to bring God in as the greatest factor in all of our planning.

In spiritual issues it is customary for us to put God first, but we tend to think that it is inappropriate and unnecessary to put Him first in the practical, everyday issues of our lives. If we have the idea that we have to put on our "spiritual face" before we can come near to God, then we will never come near to Him. We must come as we are.

Don't plan with a concern for evil in mind. Does God really mean for us to plan without taking the evil around us into account? "Love . . . thinks no evil" (1 Corinthians 13:4-5). Love is not ignorant of the existence of evil, but it does not take it into account as a factor in planning. When we were apart from God, we did take evil into account, doing all of our planning with it in mind, and we tried to reason out all of our work from its standpoint.

Don't plan with a rainy day in mind. You cannot hoard things for a rainy day if you are truly trusting Christ. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled . . ." (John 14:1). God will not keep your heart from being troubled. It is a command—"Let not. . . ." To do it, continually pick yourself up, even if you fall a hundred and one times a day, until you get into the habit of putting God first and planning with Him in mind.

Re: Don't Plan Without God Oswald Chambers - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/7/5 13:46

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Lord keep me from making plans without your direct guidance and blessing.

An excellent word.

Re: Don't Plan Without God Oswald Chambers - posted by SimpleLiving (), on: 2011/7/8 20:09

Glory to God in the highest! What a blessed reminder of God's promise to provide! God is not subject to the economy or current political governments and situations!

This word, I believe, is very timely and utterly important. Everywhere I turn I hear people talking about hoarding and storing food and supplies for the bad days they know lie in wait. We must keep God at the forefront of everything. He may instruct a husband or a family to store up resources but, if so, then God also has a plan for it.

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Father, help me in this respect. With a sense of justice so deeply ingrained in me, help me not to allow it to control me and make decisions I shouldn't. Help me to always look to You alone for direction, regardless of the circumstances. ESPECIALLY because of the circumstances!

Re: - posted by StarofG0D (), on: 2011/7/8 20:39

Amen. Read this just now too.

Abide In Christ! By Magdalene Klinksiek Jenkins

Philippians 1:6 "... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

He who began His work in you
will bring it to an end.
He has given His life for you
So never try in your own strength
to master your own way.
Abide in Christ, hold onto Him
and trust Him day by day.
He has a purpose for your life,
and He will guide you through.
Just claim the promises He gave,
have faith what He can do.
Obey His word, ask for His will,
and tell Him all your need.
And by the grace of God you grow,
to be His precious seed.