

# **Future Plans**

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## **Introduction**

The future is uncertain (Proverbs 27:1). Therefore, we must exercise caution about future plans (James 4:13-17).

## **Plans of the Righteous**

### ***Purpose***

Purpose is defined as “something set up as an object or end to be attained: intention... resolution, determination...” The righteous act with purpose (Luke 14:25-33; Romans 1:8-12; 15:22-29; 1 Corinthians 16:5-9).

### ***Providence***

Providence is defined as “divine guidance or care... God conceived as the power sustaining and guiding human destiny...” The righteous rely upon providence (Acts 18:18-22; 1 Corinthians 4:18-21; Philippians 1:21-26; 2:19-24).

## **Plans of the Wicked**

### ***Plotting***

Plotting is defined as “a secret plan for accomplishing a usually evil or unlawful end: intrigue...” The wicked plot to do evil (Psalm 36:1-4; Isaiah 56:9-12; Micah 2:1-2).

### ***Procrastination***

Procrastination is defined as “to put off intentionally and habitually... to put off intentionally the doing of something that should be done.” The wicked procrastinate to do good (Haggai 1:1-11; Luke 13:24-27; Acts 24:24-27).

## **Conclusion**

### ***Peril***

Life is short and fleeting (Job 7:6; 9:25-26; Psalm 103:15-16; 144:3-4). Death is certain and could be soon (Psalm 37:37-40; 73:15-20; Jeremiah 5:30-31; Luke 12:15-21).

### ***Preparation***

Therefore, let us prepare to meet God (Amos 4:12-13; Isaiah 55:6-7; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11; 6:1-2), and also be ready unto every good deed (Galatians 6:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Titus 3:1-2).

**Sources:** *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th Edition*, (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, c1993, 1996).