

Self-Leadership

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I. WHY PLAN? (THE BIBLICAL BASIS)

1. _____ DOES IT

"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 29:11 (NIV)

2. GOD _____ IT

"But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way." **1 Corinthians 14:40 (NIV)**

MEMORY VERSE:

"Plan carefully what you do, and whatever you do will turn out right."

Proverbs 4:26 (GNB)

3. IT'S GOOD _____

"Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time... Don't be vague but grasp firmly what you know to be the will of the Lord." **Ephesians 5:15-17 (PH)**

II. HOW LEADERS PLAN (SIX STEPS)

Nehemiah 2:1 9 (NIV)

1. _____ IT THROUGH

"In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before." **Nehemiah 2:1(NIV)**

* LEADERS _____ TIME FOR THINK TIME.

"A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't and even brags about it!" **Proverbs 13:16 (LB)**

"The wise man looks ahead. The fool attempts to fool himself and won't face facts." **Proverbs 14:8 (LB)**

QUESTIONS TO ASK

- WHERE AM I _____?
- WHERE DO I WANT TO _____?
- HOW WILL I _____?

* FAILING TO _____ IS PLANNING TO FAIL!

2. _____ FOR OPPORTUNITIES (vs. 1b-3)

"I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, so the king asked me, Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart. I was very much afraid, but I said to the king, May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" Nehemiah 2:1b-3 (NIV)

LEADERS _____ AHEAD IN SPITE OF THEIR FEARS. (COURAGE)

WHAT NEHEMIAH DID WITH HIS FEAR...

The king said to me, "What is it you want?" Then I prayed to the God of heaven. **Nehemiah 2:4 (NIV)**

3. ESTABLISH A _____ (vs. 5)
(POST IT) "If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it!"

And I answered the king, "If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it." **Nehemiah 2:5 (NIV)**

QUESTIONS TO ASK

- **WHAT DO I WANT TO _____?**
- **WHAT DO I WANT TO _____?**
- **WHAT DO I WANT TO _____?**

2 COMMON ERRORS IN GOAL SETTING

➤ WE SET OUR GOALS TOO _____

➤ WE TRY TO ACCOMPLISH THEM TOO

4. ESTABLISH A _____

"Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, How long will your journey take, and when will you get back? It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time."

Nehemiah 2:6 (NIV)

QUESTION: HOW _____ WILL THIS TAKE?

5. ANTICIPATE THE _____

I also said to him, "If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe-conduct until I arrive in Judah?"

Nehemiah 2:7 (NIV)

QUESTION: WHAT COULD HOLD ME _____?

MANAGERS FOCUS ON SOLVING

_____ **PROBLEMS**

LEADERS FOCUS ON SOLVING

_____ **PROBLEMS**

"A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences." **Proverbs 22:3 (LB)**

"A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences." **Proverbs 27:12 (LB)**

6. CALCULATE THE _____

"And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy? And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests." **Nehemiah 2:8 (NIV)**

"If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and work out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job."

Luke 14:28 (GNB)

"We should make plans—counting on God to direct us." **Proverbs 16:9 (LB)**

NEHEMIAH ASKED FOR THE KING'S...

(1) Permission (2) Protection (3) Provision

***THE WISEST RISKS ARE THOSE TAKEN AFTER**

_____ **AND** _____!

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ✓ I will memorize **Proverbs 4:26 (GNB)**
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism

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