
❖SERMON NOTES ❖

Sunday, June 24, 2012

“FINDING GOD’S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES”

(Acts 22:10)

God the Creator has a plan for your life. Most people go through life trying to figure out what life is all about and live with frustration. How can you learn of God’s plan? Ask Him. *“What shall I do, Lord?”* (Acts 22:10, NASB).

1. The Lord has a plan and purpose _____.

It is reasonable to _____.

It is found in _____.

It is taught _____.

**Three characteristics
of God’s plan for our lives:**

It is a _____ plan.

It is a _____ plan.

It is a _____ plan.

**2. The _____ in life is to discover
God’s plan for your life.**

**3. We enter God’s plan _____ as our
Savior and Lord.**

**4. We discover and walk in God’s plan by a _____
to Him and His revealed will.**

Communion with God in _____.

Studying and searching _____.

Prompt and unquestioning _____.

Complete and embedded _____.

5. God's plan for our life is _____.

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“What shall I do, Lord?” (Acts 22:10, NASB).

“But the Lord said to him, ‘Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel’” (Acts 9:15, NASB).

1. The Lord has a plan and purpose for every person.

It is reasonable to expect it.

It is found in biblical examples.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations” (Jeremiah 1:5, NASB).

It is taught in the Bible.

“The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives” (Psalm 37:23, NASB).

“In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5, NASB).

**Three characteristics
of God’s plan for our lives:**

It is a personal plan.

It is a perfect plan.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will” (Romans 12:1-2, NIV).

It is a practical plan.

2. The most important thing in life is to discover God’s plan for your life.

“I will do as before and shake myself free.’ But he didn’t realize the Lord had left him” (Judges 16:10, NLT).

3. We enter God’s plan when we accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

4. We discover and walk in God’s plan by a daily submission to Him and His revealed will.

“If the Lord delights in a man’s way, he makes his steps firm” (Psalm 37:23, NIV).

“I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please” (Isaiah 46:9-10).

Communion with God in prayer.

“Teach me how to live, O Lord. Lead me along the right path” (Psalm 27:11, NLT).

Studying and searching God’s Word.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105, NASB).

Prompt and unquestioning obedience to God.

“Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams” (1 Samuel 15:22, NIV).

Complete and embedded trust in God.

“Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches” (2 Corinthians 11:24-28, NLT).

“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed...So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good” (1 Peter 4:12-13, 19, NIV).

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take” (Proverbs 3:5-6, NLT).

5. God’s plan for our life is an eternal one.

“For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better” (Philippians 1:21, NLT).