

Recalculating: When Plans Change

Our lifetime is seventy years or, if we are strong, eighty years. But the years are full of hard work and pain. They pass quickly, and then we are gone. Teach us how short our lives really are so that we may be wise.

Psalm 90:10,12 (NCV)

Life is short, it moves fast, & we need wisdom to navigate it well.

Wisdom is the most important thing; so get wisdom. If it costs everything you have, get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7 (NCV)

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm. **Proverbs 13:20 (NRSV)**

Biblical Wisdom is God's GPS for our lives.

A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest.

John 10:10 (CEV)

The things that most people think are important are worthless as far as God is concerned. **Luke 16:15 (CEV)**

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways." **Haggai 1:5 (NIV)**

God's perspective: How much I grow is more important than how easy life goes.

My friends, be glad, even if you have a lot of trouble. You know that you learn to endure by having your faith tested. But you must learn to endure everything, so that you will be completely mature and not lacking in anything. If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given

to you. God is generous and won't correct you for asking. But when you ask for something, you must have faith and not doubt. Anyone who doubts is like an ocean wave tossed around in a storm. If you are that kind of person, you can't make up your mind, and you surely can't be trusted. So don't expect the Lord to give you anything at all.

James 1:2-8 (CEV)

Wisdom is going God's way.

Obey God's message! Don't fool yourselves by just listening to it. If you hear the message and don't obey it, you are like people who stare at themselves in a mirror and forget what they look like as soon as they leave. But you must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget. **James 1:22-25 (CEV)**

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash." **Matthew 7:24-27 (NLT)**

Wisdom does not presume upon tomorrow.

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

James 4:13-17 (NIV)

We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.
Proverbs 16:9 (NLT)

*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)***