

Life With A Purpose

*“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)*

Perhaps the most important thing to have when awakening in the morning is a plan for the day. Making the plan the night before is important. Having a daily plan gives purpose for getting up and assures us of a productive and fulfilling day.

Planning our work and then working our plan is to imitate the Lord. He has all wisdom, all power and every resource needed together with His infinite love for His people to govern sovereignly over His creation. His plan includes every detail for our personal good for all eternity. Nothing takes Him by surprise or interferes with His plans for us.

Where we run into problems is when we cannot see where we are being led. We begin to think that life is unfair, God is

punishing us, the Lord has lost sight of us, or some other negative idea. We know the Lord has said that His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8) and we must trust Him when we cannot understand Him.

When Satan and his workers come calling you must turn to the promises of Scripture, and to the Gospels (especially Luke) to see how the tender hearted Good Shepherd ministers to those who are struggling with life. Ponder His gentle manner and quiet love toward those who seem weary and tired with life. A hymnwriter puts it this way:

Turn your eyes
upon Jesus
Look full
in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
will grow strangely dim
In the light

of His glory and grace.

This beloved Lord Jesus awaits you in your place of prayer. Turn to your favourite Scripture like Psalm 23, 121, Luke 7 or John 10 and catch a fresh vision of the One Who loves you and sacrifice Himself for you. He waits for you. Do not disappoint Him or yourself.

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