

## **Your Plans**

When will I ever learn? **When will you ever learn what?** When will I ever learn to seek advice, and listen to wise counsel. **That is a good question. Why haven't you sought advice and listened to wise counsel?** Pride is the obvious answer. I have thought that I didn't need to seek advice or receive wise counsel. I thought that I had enough wisdom in myself that I didn't need to ask for or listen to wise counsel. **That is a problem, isn't it?** It's much more than a problem. It has led to one disaster after another in my life. I have made so many mistakes. I have taken so many missteps. I have made some very costly mistakes. I have wasted time, talents and resources. **I've noticed.** I'm not sure what is worse, to not seek advice or refuse wise counsel that has been given to me. **The end result is the same.** I guess so.

**Has all been lost?** What do you mean by that? **Have you learned anything by not seeking advice or accepting wise counsel?** I'm learning some things very slowly. **Like what?** I don't want to have my plans end in disaster. I don't want to devise plans that are not yours. I don't want to go where I should not go. I don't want to do what I should not do. I don't want to waste time, talents and resources. I want to know and do your will. I want to walk in your ways. I want to join you in the work you are doing. I want to do the good works you have prepared in advance for me to do. **Those are all very good desires. Those are valuable lessons to have learned.** So, all is not lost? **It doesn't look like it to me, does it to you?** No, I guess I am learning. **Yes, you are.**

**What do you want to do differently? How will you go about seeking advice and receiving wise counsel?** I will wait. I will watch. I will listen. I will draw near to you. I will seek your advice. I listen to your wise counsel. I will receive your instructions, I will follow your guidance. I will stop thinking that I know it all. I will give up on the idea that I have great plans that I must pursue. I will stop relying on myself. Instead I will rely on you. I want your plan. In faith, I will ask for your wisdom to guide my life. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I have rushed forward to implement a plan. I have raced ahead of you. I have not sought out advice or listened to wise counsel. I have been proud and independent. I have also meet with disaster. No More. I will seek your counsel and listen to your advice. Amen*

**Wisdom** *Many Advisers*  
Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.  
NIV Proverbs 15:22

**Wisdom** *Many Advisers*  
Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.  
ESV Proverbs 15:22

**Wisdom** *Many Advisers*  
Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.  
NLT Proverbs 15:22

**Wisdom** *Multitude Of Counselors*  
Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.  
NKJV Proverbs 15:22

**Wisdom** *Many Advisers*  
Without counsel, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed.  
NRSV Proverbs 15:22

**Wisdom** *Take Good Counsel*  
Refuse good advice and watch your plans fail; take good counsel and watch them succeed.  
MSG Proverbs 15:22

**Wisdom** *Many Counselors*  
Where there is no counsel, purposes are frustrated, but with many counselors they are accomplished.  
AMP Proverbs 15:22

**Wisdom** *Many Counselors*  
Plans go wrong with too few counselors; many counselors bring success.  
TLB Proverbs 15:22

**Wisdom** *Many Counselors*  
Without consultation, plans are frustrated, But with many counselors they succeed.  
NASB Proverbs 15:22

**Wisdom** *Advice Of Many Others*  
Plans fail without good advice, but they succeed with the advice of many others.  
NCV Proverbs 15:22

# Many Advisers

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Wisdom** – Proverbs 15:22

**In Context:** *Read Proverbs 15*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. Proverbs 15:22

**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I have rushed forward to implement a plan. I have raced ahead of you. I have not sought out advice or listened to wise counsel. I have been proud and independent. I have also meet with disaster. No More. I will seek your counsel and listen to your advice. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you rushed to implement a plan without thoroughly thinking it through?

When have you so wanted to implement a plan that you consciously did not seek advice?

When have you been so set on a plan that you were unwilling to listen to wise counsel?

**Why is a dangerous place to be in when you are unwilling to ask for or listen to wise counsel?**

Who are trusted advisers that you go to when you need wise counsel?

**How are you making it your practice to seek wise counsel from the Lord before implementing a plan?**

**When have your plans ended in disaster because either you didn’t seek or listen to wise counsel?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make very sure that you are asking for and listening to wise counsel before implementing a plan.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will give you wise counsel when you ask Him for it.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you go about seeking wise counsel before implementing a plan.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you seek out advice and listen to wise counsel before implementing a plan.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will seek out your advice and listen to your wise counsel before I implement a plan.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, as I seek your advice, what wise counsel do you want to give me today?*

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