

PART 3-Case Study #2 – Paul and Corinth

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1. Review 2 Corinthians 1:15-2:1

Paul's original plan was to visit Corinth twice but he put it off for three reasons: avoid a painful visit, spend a longer period of time on a later visit and to pursue the opportunity at hand in Ephesus.

What can we learn from Paul's approach to planning for ourselves? Do common sense and flexibility fit into a "change of plans"?

2. 1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

The speaker says, "I can't tell you that your plans are going to work but I can tell you which aren't: if I have plans to do something that go against what God said in his Word and I somehow expect that God is going to bless those or make good come out of them, I'm unfortunately sadly mistaken."

How does this passage serve as a guiding principle for our plans?

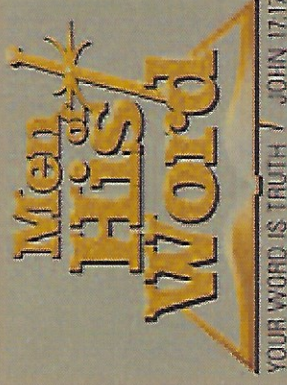
PART 4-Case Study #3 - The Final Word

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1. Read James 4:13-15

A. According to these words is it wrong to plan? Should churches develop "strategic plans" or not? How personal and congregational planning an appropriate use of our minds and abilities?

B. The speaker closes with the words, "God does know the path that he wants your life to travel... as he leads you to your eternal life in heaven." How is that a comfort? How does that provide the right setting or context for any planning?



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Is My Plan God's Plan?

What is God's plan for me?
Does He have an earthly, as well as, an eternal plan for me? Does He have guidelines for me to follow as I go about planning?
What kind of expectations should I have for my plans?

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