



Believing In the Basics – Vol. 2

(The Power of What You Plan)

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Question: Where are you really going?

Series Summary: Believing In The Basics **Parts 1-4**

1. The Power of What You Believe About You (What are your basic views about you?)
2. The Power of What You Believe About the “SET” (Scripture, Eternity, and Time)
3. The Power of Who You Believe Should Be In Your Life (Who has or is influencing you?)
4. The Power of What You Believe You Should Plan (Where are you really going?)

Statement: Your life is always moving toward a destination. If you do not plan on purpose, you will drift by accident. God calls us to count the cost, commit our ways to Him, and walk in His direction for our lives.

Text: Luke 14:28–30 “–Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?”

I. Planning Is a Biblical Principle

- Proverbs 21:5 “–The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.”
- Proverbs 16:3 “–Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.”
- Psalm 20:4 “–May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”
- Planning is not unspiritual—it’s responsible stewardship.

Note: The temptation is to be active and busy doing tasks that are not tied to any plan or strategy. This causes us to be busy, tired, and unavailable. We should aim our goals towards something that will advance us and further our vision and God’s plans.

II. God’s Plans Are Greater Than Yours

- Jeremiah 29:11 “–For I know the plans I have for you...”

- Isaiah 55:8–9 “–My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways...”
- Ephesians 3:20 – God is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.
Application: Hold your plans loosely, because God may have something bigger.

III. Plans Require Flexibility and Faith

- James 4:13–15 “–You do not even know what will happen tomorrow... Instead you ought to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.’”
- Acts 16:6–10 – Paul’s travel plans changed when God redirected him to Macedonia.
- **Key Verse for Me:** Proverbs 19:21 “–Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”
- **Good planning includes enough faith to pivot when God changes the map.**

IV. Case Study: Joseph’s Life Plan Interrupted

- Genesis 37:5–11 – Joseph dreamed of leadership and greatness.
- Genesis 39:19–20 – His plans were shattered when he was falsely accused and imprisoned.
- Genesis 41:39–41 – God’s plan elevated him to second in command over Egypt.
- **Joseph’s detours were really God’s destiny. Your life may not be going according to your plan, but it may still be right on schedule with God’s plan.**

Closing Reflection:

When it comes to planning your life:

- Plan diligently. (That’s your responsibility.)
- Trust God’s higher plan. (That’s your humility.)
- Stay flexible in faith. (That’s your maturity.)



Summary: Your plans show your priorities. Your priorities reveal your true direction. The question is, where are you really going?

Next Series (November 2025): Believing In the Basics – Vol. 2

- What you believe about God (Who is He to you?)
- What you believe about right and wrong (sin)
- What you believe about your spiritual assignment (I Corinthians 12)
- What you believe about life after death (eternity)