



NORTHEAST

MESSAGE NOTES

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Resolve—Part 3 “His Plan”
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Jeremiah 29:11 *“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.”*

My _____. His _____. Our _____. Jeremiah 29:11

1. _____ does God reveal His plan for me?

James 1:22-25 *“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”* ²³ *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.* ²⁵ *But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”*

Six ways to develop our “_____”

1. Good listening requires _____.

Poor listening _____ another person, while good listening invites them to _____ and to _____.

2. Good listening is an act of _____.

Poor listening _____, good listening _____.
James 1:22 *“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*

3. Good listening _____ perceptive questions.

Proverbs 18:2 *“Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.”*

4. Good listening is _____.

James 1:19 *“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry”*

5. Good listening _____ us to speak well.

We should _____ with the ears of God that we may _____ the Word of God.

Proverbs 18:13 *“To answer before listening—that is folly and shame.”*

6. Good listening reflects our _____ with God.

“He who can no longer listen to his brother will soon be no longer listening to God either; he will be doing nothing but prattle in the presence of God too. This is the beginning of the death of the spiritual life . . . Anyone who thinks that his time is too valuable to spend keeping quiet will eventually have no time for God and his brother, but only for himself and for his own follies.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, “Life Together – The Ministry of Listening”

2. God’s plan is _____ plan, not yours.

His will for our lives is not our own plans with His blessing. It is **HIS** _____ on **HIS** _____.

Philippians 2:13 *“for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”*

- Sometimes, God shows us _____ what He is up to.
- Sometimes, God gives us _____ along the way.
- Sometimes, we may _____ know fully.
- All the time, God is at work – _____ Him!

3. God’s plan does not include a _____ lifestyle.

Galatians 6:7 *“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”*

God _____ use you when you have _____ in your life. Get _____ of it!

God’s plan is _____ than our understanding. Our job is to _____ our plans, live free from sin, remain connected in prayer, listen to His word and submit to His leading.

All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise noted.

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