

I planned to visit you on my way to
Macedonia and again on my return trip.
Then you could send me on my way to
Judea. You may be asking why I changed
my plan. Am I like the people of the world
who say yes when they really mean no?

(11 Corinthians 1:16-17)

The reason I didn't return to Corinth was to spare you from a severe rebuke. So I decided I would not make another painful visit to you.

(11 Corinthians 1:23, 2:1)

Now I am ready to visit you for the third time, and I will not be a burden to you..., I AM WRITING THIS TO YOUR BEFORE I COME...

(11 Corinthians 12:14, 13:10)

A <u>PLAN</u> gives us a basis from which to work, collect <u>resources</u>, and make <u>decisions</u>.

Much dreaming and many words are meaningless.

(Ecclesiastes 5:7)

He who chases fantasies lacks judgment (Proverbs 12:11)

No plan can foresee all future realities..

Plans fail because of:

- Faulty knowledge or preparation
- Insufficient <u>support</u> or <u>resources</u>
- Unexpected <u>events</u> or <u>circumstances</u>
- Changed <u>heart</u> or <u>commitment</u>
- God has a <u>different</u> path that was <u>unimagined</u> by us

Plan is now obsolete or hurtful?

*Let it die and form a new plan.

*Continuing on in <u>stubbornness</u> or <u>pride</u> will never be fulfilling.

There is NO broken dream or shattered plan from which God will not help you <u>find peace</u>.

Even when your plans have been changed. God's <u>purpose</u> for <u>your</u> life can <u>remain</u> <u>intact</u>.

The Lord foils the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes.

But the Lord's plans stand firm forever. His purposes endure through all generations. (Psalm 33:10-11)

Be cautious when transitioning from plans to promises. This now involves the integrity of your word, and it involves other people.

When your plans fail due to the betrayal of others... **forgive**.

From the start, ask God to show you his plan rather than asking him to bless your plan.

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

(Proverbs 16:13)

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path.

(Proverbs 3:6)

