

Making Plans

by John Newton

John Newton emphasizes the importance of making plans while remaining open to God's will and guidance in our lives.

Scripture: Psalm 37:4, Proverbs 16:9, Proverbs 19:21, Isaiah 58:11, James 4:13

Topics: "Gods Will", "Spiritual Guidance"

Description

In August 1778, John Newton writes to a friend, expressing the uncertainties of life and the importance of aligning our plans with God's will, referencing James 4:13. He emphasizes the need to seek God's glory and our good in all our endeavors, acknowledging that only through God's will can true satisfaction and contentment be found. Newton urges for prayers for their upcoming meeting, highlighting the futility of pursuing empty endeavors without God's guidance and blessing.

Transcript

August, 1778.

Dear Sir,

If the Lord affords health; if the weather be tolerable; if no unforeseen change takes place; if no company comes in upon me to-night, (which sometimes unexpectedly happens,) with these provisos, Mr. S**** and I have engaged to travel to **** on Monday next, and hope to be with you by or before eleven o'clock.

In such a precarious world, it is needful to form our plans at two days' distance, with precaution and exceptions, James 4:13. However, if it be the Lord's will to bring us together, and if the purposed interview be for his glory and our good, then I am sure nothing shall prevent it. And who in his right wits would wish either to visit or be visited upon any other terms? O! if we could but be pleased with his will, we might be pleased from morning to night, and every day in the year.

Pray for a blessing upon our coming together. It would be a pity to walk ten miles to pick straws, or to come with our empty vessels upon our heads, saying, "We have found no water."

I am, &c.

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