

I. It is unwise to plan without considering God’s will (v. 13-14)

A. It is unwise because life is complex

B. It is unwise because life is uncertain

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.” (Proverbs 27:1)

C. It is unwise because life is brief

“You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man’s life is but a breath.” (Psalm 39:5)

II. It is wise to seek the will of God (v. 15)

A. We should know the will of God

“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.” (Psalm 143:10)

B. We should understand the will of God

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.” (Colossians 1:9)

C. We should live the will of God

“I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” (Psalm 40:8)

III. It is unwise to boast about plans that disregard God (v. 16-17)

A. To boast in our plans is to reject God

“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” (Proverbs 19:21)

B. To boast in our plans is evil

C. To know the will of God and disobey is sin

IV. It is unwise to put your hope in wealth (v. 1-3)

A. Earthly wealth will pass away

“Cast a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.” (Proverbs 23:5)

“For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.” (I Timothy 6:7)

B. Misused wealth indicates a faith problem

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

C. Misused wealth erodes character

D. Hoarding wealth leads only to misery

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.” (I Timothy 6:17)

V. It is unwise to misuse wealth (v. 4-6)

A. We should not cheat anyone out of money owed

B. We should not live a self-indulgent life

C. We should know we will be judged

D. We should honor God with our money