

# “Steps into the Future”

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People have always been anxious to know their future, and some rely on horoscopes, crystal balls, and tarot cards to catch a glimpse of it. As Christians, we must know that God has already set the best plan for us (Jer. 29:11) and it is to be followed. “Steps into the future” mean relying on God and His word for all His endeavors. Our future success comes from knowing God’s plan for us and following His direction.

### 1. Biblical verses about our future and God’s plan:

- 1.1 “For I know the plans for you... they are plans for good and not for disaster” (Jer. 29:11).
- 1.2 “You, Lord, are all I have... my future is in your hands (Ps. 16:5).
- 1.3 “You have decided the length of our lives. You know how many months we will live (Job 14:5).
- 1.4 “Many are the plans in the mind of man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand (Prov. 19:21).
- 1.5 “My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish my purpose” (Isa. 46:10).
- 1.6 “There is time and season for everything (Eccl. 3:11).
- 1.7 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your understanding” (Pro. 3:5-6).

### 2. Three things that God says, “don’t do.”

- 2.1 Don’t presume about tomorrow (Prov. 27:1). We know for certain that life is uncertain, we should not boast about our plan, nor be presumptuous. Financial burdens, broken promises, and strained relationships are caused by too much reliance on an uncertain future.
- 2.2 Don’t panic about tomorrow (Matt. 6:34). Jesus Christ reminds us not to be anxious and to leave all our worries for the day. We should place all our trust in God daily.
- 2.3 Don’t procrastinate until tomorrow (Eccl 11:4). If we wait for a perfect tomorrow, we cannot get it done. If our actions can be done today, it must be done immediately. Procrastination can lead to sin and problems.

**3. Three things God says, “You do.”** In the book of Joshua, Israel’s new generation was given the chance to conquer the promised land. However, God wanted Israel, led by Joshua, to:

3.1 Set His plan into motion. Joshua was given the task to immediately do all that God directed them to do. He also reminded Joshua to let go of the past and move forward.

3.2 Stay in His word. God’s direction must be followed, and this means we follow faithfully to His satisfaction. How do we keep the word of God? We must: talk about it (discuss and share), think about it, and put it into practice (Josh 1:8).

3.3 Step out in faith to God. Joshua’s obedience in conquering the Promised Land was done out of trust in the Lord (Josh. 1:17-18). Joshua knew the seven armies they would face in the land, but he trusted in the Lord. This is the kind of faith that God requires from us.

### Conclusion:

Every Christian has this fear of following God’s plan. Some of us will go to various lengths just to take a glimpse of the result of the plan, while others would simply avoid it. The success of conquering the Promised Land along with its mighty armies resulted from Joshua’s obedience to God. Our future is secured by God through His perfect plan for us; thus, we must follow it according to His direction.

### Reflection:

1. What did God reveal to you about your future?
2. How will you align yourself to God’s plan?
3. What are your steps in following God’s direction?

**Prayer:** “Dear God, as we embark on this journey, we pray that You would be our guiding light, shining brightly upon the path You have set before for us. Father, we ask that You grant Your wisdom in making decisions, so that we may choose the right course of action that aligns with your will. In Jesus' name. Amen.”