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“Con-Job” (5)

“The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools is deceiving.” (Proverbs 14:8)

Predilection towards Personal Programs

Haggai 1:3-5 – (3) “Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, (4) ‘Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? (5) Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.”

Haggai 1:7-8 – (7) “Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. (8) Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD.”

Perilous Plans

Isaiah 30:1-3 – (1) “‘Ah, stubborn children,’ declares the LORD, ‘who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; (2) who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt! (3) Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation.’”

Presumptuous Pilgrims

James 4:13-15 – (13) “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit’— (14) yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. (15) Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.’”

Ponder Your Path

Proverbs 4:26 – “Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.”

Proverbs 16:3 – “Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.”

Prayer of the Ponderer

Psalm 25:4-5 – (4) “Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. (5) Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.” (NLT)

Pursue God’s Plans

Jeremiah 29:11 – “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Presenting Plans to others *Prior* to “Pulling the Trigger”

Proverbs 20:18 – “Plans are established by counsel; by wise guidance wage war.”

Proverbs 11:14 – “Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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