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Decisions are made daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, and often longer as to what you must do, plan to do, or as to your dreams and goals for your life in this World we all live in. Many people use a “to do list” for daily activities. Others are **IMPULSIVE** and **SPONTANEOUS** for these decisions whether short or long term. Still others say they wait upon the Lord to guide them on their path for each day. I wonder which way is the best way and is there a best way? God does have a **PLAN** for your life and predestined that **PLAN** at the creation of the World. But for that predestined **PLAN** to work you must be a disciple of His, having been saved by Grace through Faith in Him and guided by the Holy Spirit. He is a sovereign God with administration and control over all things in this World. By Grace through Faith He gives us our own Will to make decisions as to what path we will take with that path often being confronted by trials and tribulations as we negotiate this path to our future whether short term or long term. The trials and tribulations are a way of growing us up to a dependence on Him as we delve into the Scriptures to learn His Ways and pray regularly for His guidance. Yet with prayers we are often faced with understanding His answers which can be yes, no, or wait.

So how can we clean up this **PROCESS** of decision making and make decisions more meaningful and longer lasting with truth and realistic results made possible. I follow a decision-making system whether short term or long term with a definition for each decision as of **PURPOSE**, **PLAN**, and **PROCESS** thus the **PPP** designation. A decision to be made is always defined with a **PURPOSE** to achieve. Then a **PLAN** is established that provides a path of “dos” and “don’ts” with a timetable and often advantages and disadvantages. The **PLAN** is then followed by a **PROCESS** to implement the **PLAN**, in other words the steps to take with a definable timetable, checkpoints, and often changes necessary to meet the goal of completion. The whole **PPP** method has to be bathed in prayer, calling on the Scriptures as confirmations, as well as waiting on noticeable signs of Worldly conformations. Often inwardly a person just knows by mind and heart that the methodology is on target or when obstacles are encountered there is an indicator to back up and go in a different direction. I have had many occasions when everything goes wrong then I have to clear the mess as to whether satan is trying to prevent a breakthrough or whether the Holy Spirit is telling me “no”. Often the encounter is a growth of dependence on the Lord for our daily activities.

Following are some relevant Scriptures on **PURPOSE**, **PLAN**, **PROCESS**, and add to them **IMPULSIVE** and **SPONTANEOUS**:

### **PURPOSE:**

Job 42:2 – I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

Psalms 138:8 – The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Romans 8:28 – And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Proverbs 16:4 – The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil.

Proverbs 19:21 – Many plans are in a man's heart, But the counsel of the LORD will stand.

### **PLAN:**

Jerimiah 29:11 – For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

Proverbs 16:3 – Commit your works to the LORD And your plans will be established.

Proverbs 16:9 – The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

Psalms 20:4 – May He grant you your heart's desire And fulfill all your counsel!

Proverbs 19:21 – Many plans are in a man's heart, But the counsel of the LORD will stand.

### **PROCESS:**

Ecclesiastes 8:6 – For there is a proper time and procedure for every delight, though a man's trouble is heavy upon him.

James 1:4 – And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 – He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

I Peter 4:17 – For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Proverbs 25:4 – Take away the dross from the silver, And there comes out a vessel for the smith;

Luke 9:25 – For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?

### **IMPULSIVE: Peter as a good example**

Ecclesiastes 5:2 – Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.

Proverbs 14:29 – He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.

Acts 19:36 – So, since these are undeniable facts, you ought to keep calm and to do nothing rash.

Ephesians 4:14 – As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

Luke 8:13 – Those on the rocky *soil are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.

**SPONTANEOUS:**

Romans 8:26-27 – In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of* God.

I Corinthians 2:10 - For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.