

# ***“Work Your Plan”***

Proverbs, Genesis 3, Philippians 3

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## Introduction

- Two Friends-- Two styles of planning
- Solomon's formula for Success-- Proverbs 21:5
  - 1) Plan Your Work-- "Haste makes waste."
  - 2) Work Your Plan-- with diligence
- Frustrations when we fail to accomplish our plans

## ***Work Your Plan-- (Why our plans do not work!)***

A. Sometimes God alters our plans-- Proverbs 16:3, 9

B. Sometimes Our Plans are Unrealistic-- Genesis 3

1. The Effects of the Fall upon our work-- Genesis 3:17-19
2. The conflict of the "Ideal" with the "Real"

C. Sometimes We Choose NOT to Work Our Plan.

1. We Procrastinate, putting off for tomorrow what should be done NOW.
  - a. We postpone doing UNPLEASANT TASKS, attempting to make life easier for ourselves. Prov. 16:9-11; 20:4; 26:13
  - b. We postpone ENJOYABLE TASKS because the task appears to be OVERWHELMING, more than we can handle. -- Nehemiah 3
  - c. We postpone FINALIZING PLANS out of fear of making the wrong decision. Acts 24— Felix
  - d. Jesus' instructions on living in the present—Matthew 6:34
2. We Chase Rabbits, failing to finish what we've started. We lack CONCENTRATION. -- Philippians 3:13-14

## **TAKE-HOME: How to “Work Your Plan”**

1. Accept Responsibility.
2. Focus on the benefits of completing the task
3. Break down the larger tasks into smaller ones.
4. Learn to concentrate on doing one thing to completion.