

# PLAN SMART

What is your view of life?

- 1) Life is a party –
- 2) Life is a race –
- 3) Life is a marathon –
- 4) Life is a battle / game –

What is God's view of life?

- 1) Life is a test.

“Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”

James 1:12

What is God's view of life?

- 2) Life is a trust.

“What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?”

1 Corinthians 4:7b (NLT)

What is God's view of life?

- 3) Life is temporary.

“Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is.”

Psalms 39:4 (NLT)

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- 3) Life is temporary.

“I am here on earth for just a little while.”

Psalms 119:19 (TEV)

“Lord, help me to realize how brief my time on earth will be. Help me to know that I am here for but a moment more.”

Psalm 39:4 (TLB)

“You’re cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way.”

James 4:4 (MSG)

“Those who use the things of the world should not become attached to them. For this world as we know it will soon pass away.”

1 Corinthians 7:31 (NLT)

Happiness is a by-product of a relationship with Jesus Christ.

“The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 (MSG)

“All that is not eternal is eternally useless.”

C.S. Lewis

**THE FATAL MISTAKE:**

Assume God's goal for your life is material or popular success as the world defines it.

**25,550  
DAYS**

How then are we to live our lives on our way to Heaven?

**4 Biblical Priorities**

Matthew 22:36-39

John 17:18-23

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“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”  
Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

**4 Biblical Priorities**

**Priority #1**

A personal, progressive  
commitment to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22:36-38

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**Priority #1**

- A. See why you need it
- B. Make sure you've got it
- C. Maintain it

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**Priority #2**

A personal, progressive  
commitment to yourself.

Matthew 22:39

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**Priority #2**

Develop:

- A. Mentally
- B. Physically
- C. Socially
- D. Emotionally

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**Priority #3**

A personal, progressive  
commitment to relationships.

John 17:18-23

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**Priority #3**

- A. Your Marriage
- B. Your kids
- C. Other followers of Christ

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**Priority #4**

A personal, progressive  
commitment to the  
work of Christ in the world.

Matthew 22:39  
John 17:18-23

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**Priority #4**

A. Reaching the lost  
B. Caring for the needy

The objective of your  
life will determine the  
outcome of your life.

If you aim at nothing,  
you will hit it  
every time.

**Goal Setting**

87% of people do not have goals  
10% of people have goals, but do  
not write them down  
3% of people have written goals

*The 3% who have  
written goals  
accomplish 50-100 times  
more than the others.*