



## Part 4 – Better Time Management Proverbs

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### I. INTRODUCTION

- A. No matter the intentions, the path we get on and stay on actually determines where we will **end up**.
- B. The Principle of the Path: *“Direction, not intention, determines **destination**.”* (Andy Stanley)
- C. Smart phone app - [Bible.is](#) or go to the website.. <http://www.bible.is/ENGESV/Matt/1>

### II. ESTABLISH YOUR **PRIORITIES**.

- A. *Proverbs 17:24 “An intelligent person aims at wise actions, but a fool starts off in many directions.”*
- B. *Proverbs 12:11 “...It is foolish to waste time on useless projects.”*
- C. Establishing priorities takes a four part process:
  - 1. Decide what really **matters**.

*Proverbs 20:5 “The purposes of a man’s heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out.”*

#1 **God**, first.

#2 Family, second.

#3 **Work** and/or school, third.

#4 Church and being a part of some type of ministry and service to others, fourth.

#5 The many other pursuits.

2. Decide on a balanced **cost** for each priority.

*Luke 14:28-30 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'"*

3. **Plan Out** Each Day based upon priorities.

a. *"One minute spent in planning saves three or four minutes in execution." (Crawford Greenwalt, former president of DuPont)*

b. *Proverbs 16:9 "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps."*

4. Finish The "**Big Stuff**" First.

*Galatians 6:9 "So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time."*

D. *"Direction, not intention, determines **destination**."*

III. GET **REALISTIC** ABOUT LIFE.

A. Most of our pressure is **self-imposed**.

*Proverbs 14:30 "A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life."*

B. We don't have to **solve** all the problems.

*John 17:4 "I have finished the work which You gave Me to do."*

C. There really IS time to **Laugh**.

*Proverbs 17:22 "Being cheerful keeps you **healthy**. It is a slow death to be gloomy all the time."*

IV. CONCLUSION

*Proverbs 10:27 "Fear (reverence) of the Lord lengthens one's life, but the years of the wicked are cut short."*

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