

Breaking Free From Trying To Control Everything

Moving Forward: Getting Ready For What's Next

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II. Realize You Have Less Control Than You Think

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III. Recognize There's Danger In Being Controlling

*It's arrogant because its independent.

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IV. Trust God To Do His Part While You Do Yours

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps. Proverbs 16:9

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

Introduction

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."

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Main Idea: Breaking free from trying to control everything requires _____

I. Realize Planning Is Good And Responsible

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?" Luke 14:28

(See The Book of Nehemiah)