

Making Wise Decisions

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Introduction

- Our lives are full of choices and decisions
- What defines us a Human Beings not Robots
- God planted in each of us His Image
 - Genesis 1:27 - So God created mankind in his own image. . .
- Making decisions is actually a “God-like” quality

Problem

- We have inherited a sinful/fallen nature.
 - We are not capable of always making good, wise decisions.
- Sometimes, our decisions are motivated by greed, envy, lust, selfishness.
- Sometimes our decisions simply lack godly wisdom.

Solution

- We must seek God's wisdom to make good decisions
 - From His Word, His Spirit, His People
 - If any lack wisdom. . . , ask God (James 1:6)
- This presentation: to learn some ways to seek God's wisdom in making our decisions
- 2 Decision-making contexts:
 - Micro Context – seconds, minutes, hours, etc.
 - Macro Context – months, years, seasons of life, etc.

Micro Context – Decisions about time

Ps 90:12

Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

NATURE OF TIME

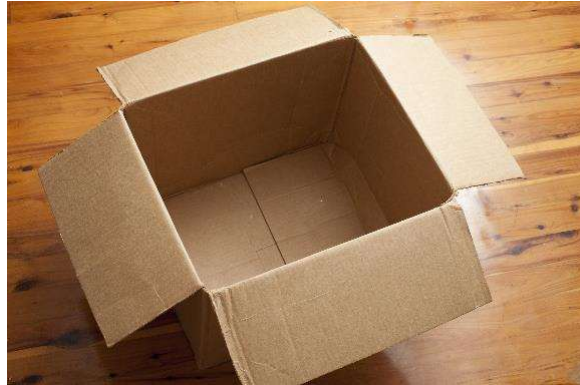
Always moves forward—at the same rate.

God grants every person exactly the same amount of time – in every minute, hour, day, week, year, etc.



Each day on a calendar is like an empty box

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat



Steven Covey's Time Matrix

from *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*

	URGENT	NOT URGENT
IMPORTANT	Quadrant 1 Significant things that need immediate attention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crises • Pressing problems • Deadline-driven projects 	Quadrant 2 Most important things that do not need immediate attention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal goal planning • Building relationships • Evaluate opportunities
NOT IMPORTANT	Quadrant 3 Things with little significance but that demand attention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interruptions • Phone calls • Some meetings 	Quadrant 4 Things with little significance that do not demand attention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trivia • Time wasters • Busy work

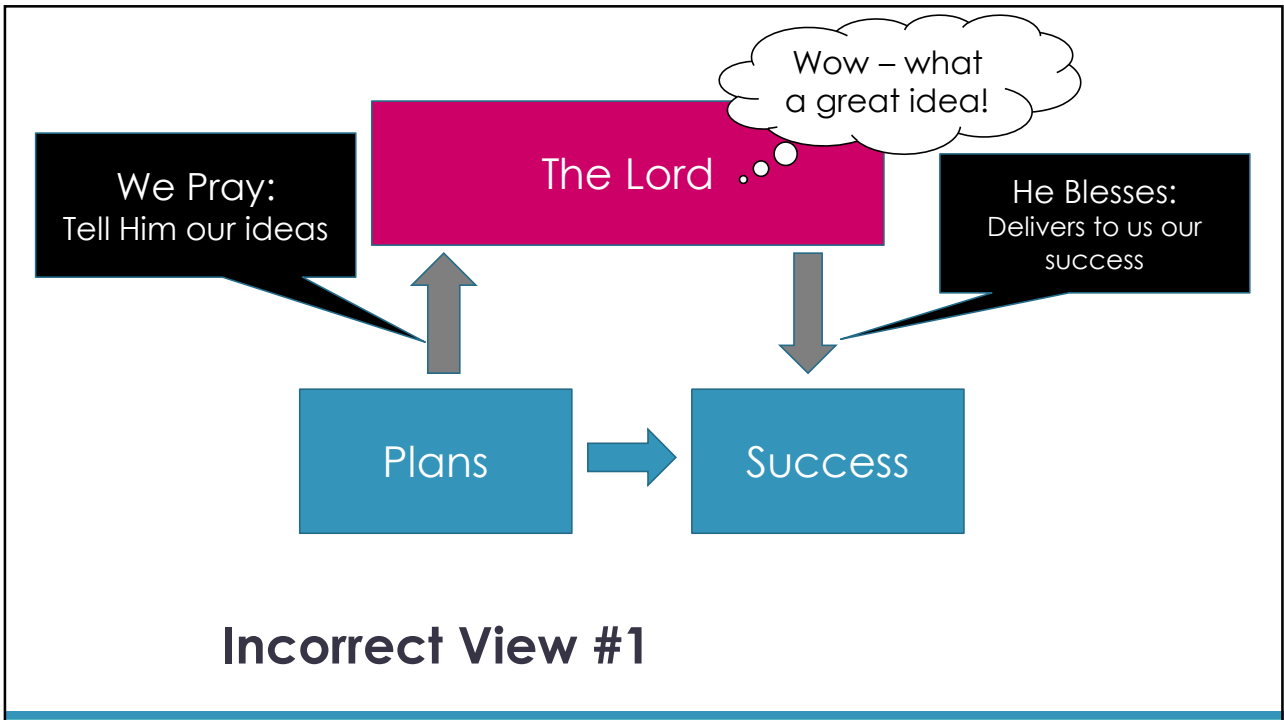
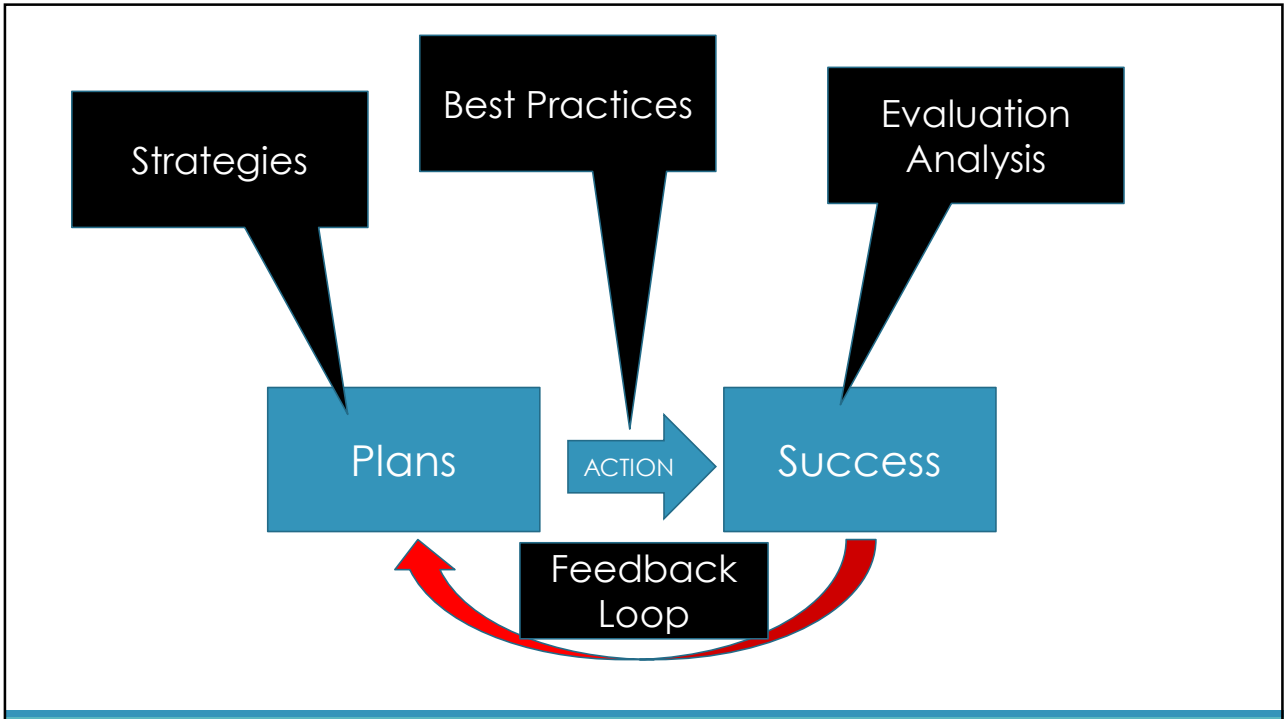
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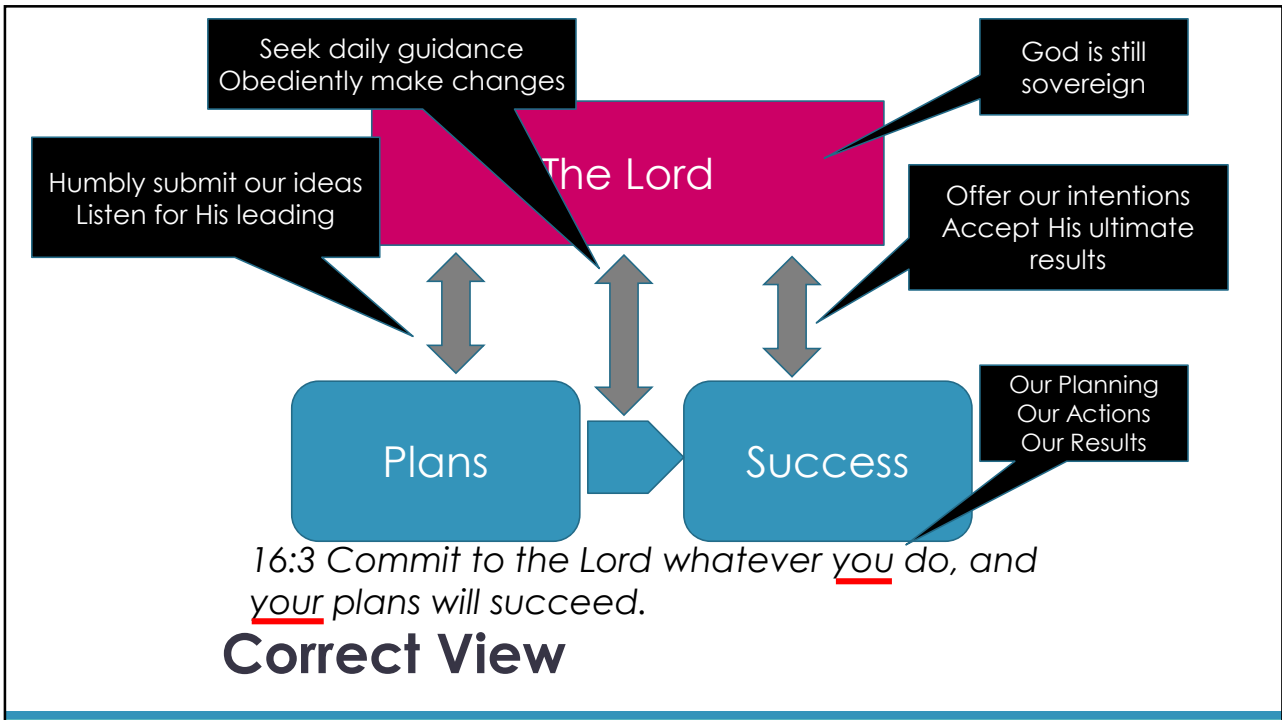
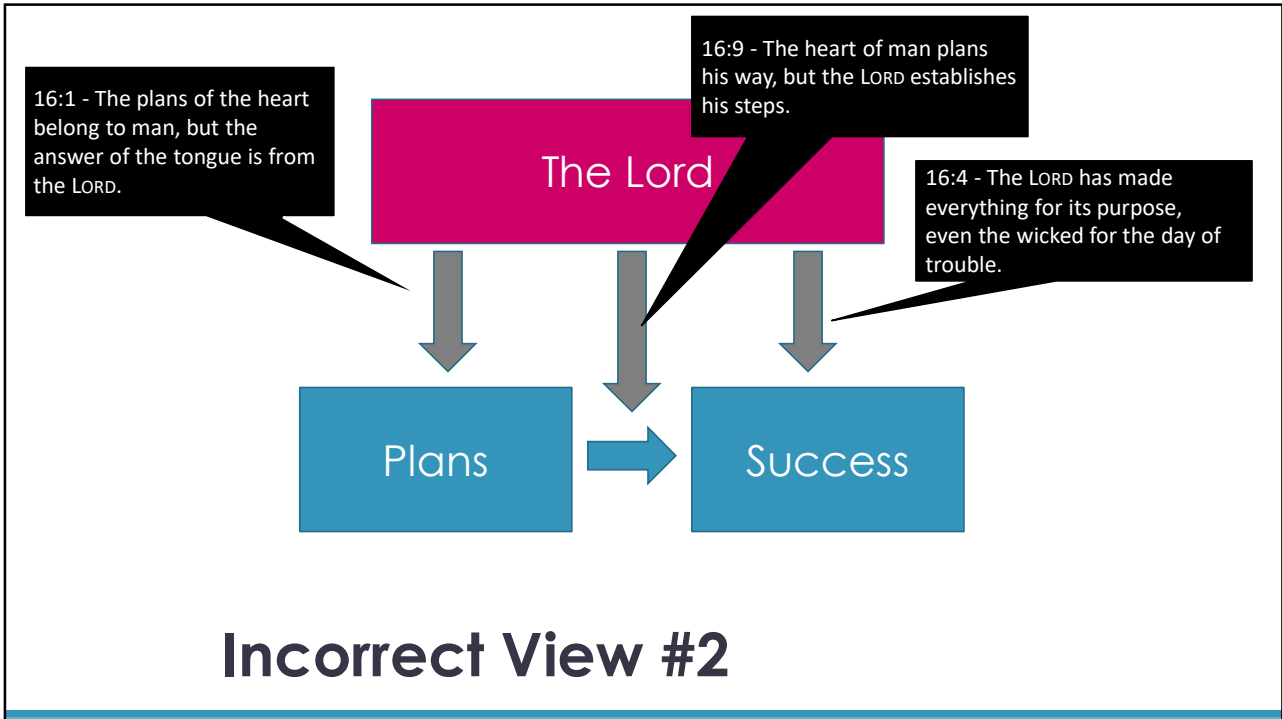
- When it comes to decisions about what to do with our time, we should not forget the priority of things that are **IMPORTANT** but **NOT URGENT**.
- These are the things in the long run that are going to make the biggest impact on our lives and how we serve the Kingdom of God.

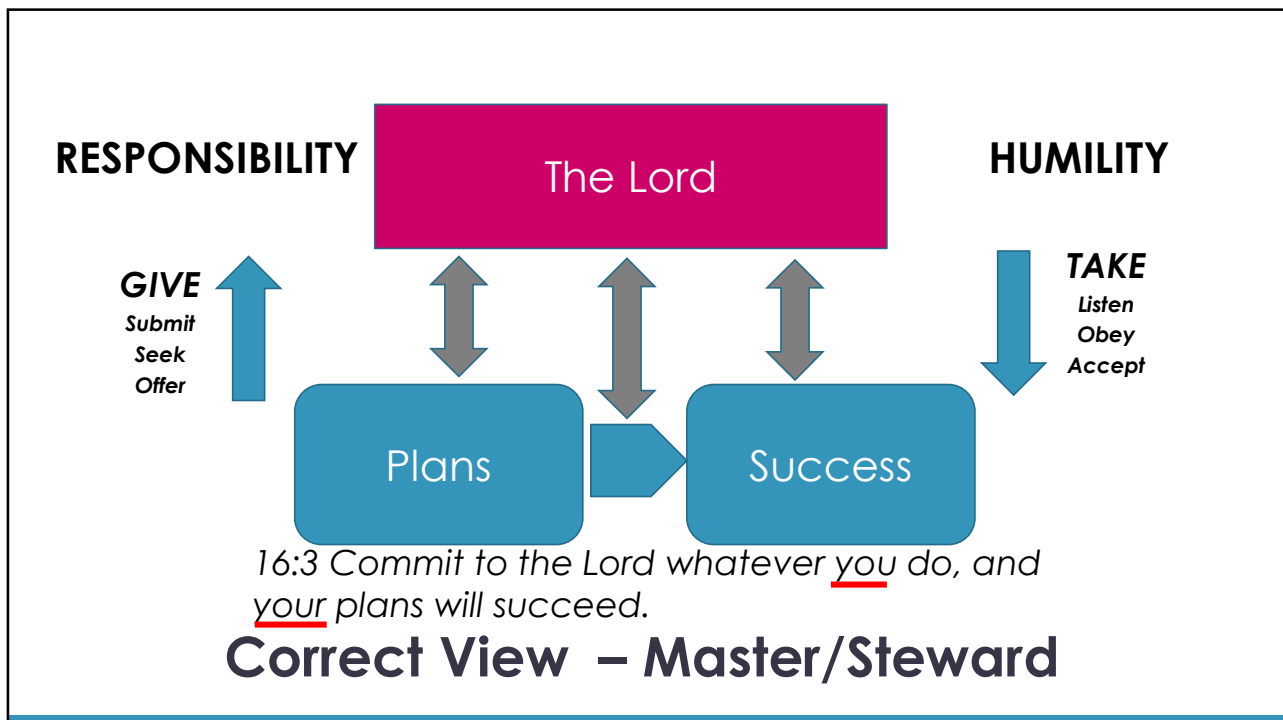
Macro Context – Decisions about life plans

Proverbs 16:3

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.







Key Point #2

- When it comes to decisions about life plans, be RESPONSIBLE and intentional about making decisions, but hold your plans HUMBLY as you listen for God's Spirit to confirm or correct your decisions so that they ultimately accomplish His purposes.
- This is how to avoid anxiety and maintain a sense of peace and contentment in decision-making.

Seeking Decision Advice

Traditional Dynamic



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