

## **WHERE PLANNING IS NEEDED**

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As a general rule, where little planning is made, little gets done. We want to look at some areas of our lives that planning is needed.

**In Our Giving.** "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." {2 Corinthians 9: 7} One's giving must be planned to enable us to give purposely. Do you give God the leftovers after you have spent your money on what you desire? Do you consider God first when making out the bills?

**In marriage.** "For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. " (Romans 7:2) Marriage is a lifetime commitment. Sadly, many put more effort into the wedding plans than in the marriage itself! How much time is spent when purchasing a house, car, or some other major investment? What decision is more important than choosing a companion for life? Keep these two very important points in mind when choosing a mate. Marry a person which has a right to marry and one that wants to go to heaven more than anything else in this world. A lack of planning in this area has led many to the divorce court and untold heartaches.

**In our lives.** "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." {Ephesians 6:15,16} While it is very true we must take "one day at a time," one must also make some plans for the future. Truth is many do not run their life - their life runs them! All of us have the same hours in a day and days in a week. Time management is a personal matter. Do you take time for the important things in your life? God, prayer, Bible study, working for the Lord, family, and seeking ways to be better in your life as God's child. This is the key to planning for an eternity with God in heaven. What kinds of plans are you making in your life? Failure to make the proper plans may result in you "running out of time!" \*\*\*