



## 10 Simple Steps in Making Wise Decisions: Plan for Problems

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### Plan for Problems

- You will encounter problems. Something will go wrong. Planning for those problems means you will meet them head on. Looking ahead for potential problems isn't being negative, it's being proactive.

#### John 16:33 Amplified Bible

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. **In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration;** but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. **[I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]**

- **Pay appropriate attention to your problems...problems need Faith (strategy) not worry to solve them.**

#### James 1:2-5 New Living Translation

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. **3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.** 5 If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

- God did not give me problems to worry over them...He gave me problems to solve them!

#### 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Amplified Bible

12 Therefore let the one who thinks he stands firm [immune to temptation, being overconfident and self-righteous], take care that he does not fall [into sin and condemnation]. 13 No temptation [regardless of its source] has overtaken or enticed you that is not common to human experience [nor is any temptation unusual or beyond human resistance]; but **God is faithful [to His word—He is compassionate and trustworthy], and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability [to resist], but along with the temptation He [has in the past and is now and] will [always] provide the way out as well, so that you will be able to endure it** [without yielding, and will overcome temptation with joy].

#### 1 Peter 4:12-13 Easy-to-Read Version

12 My friends, don't be surprised at the painful things that you are now suffering, which are testing your faith. Don't think that something strange is happening to you. 13 But you should be happy that you are sharing in Christ's sufferings. You will be happy and full of joy when Christ shows his glory.

#### Psalms 34:17-19 New International Version

17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. 18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. 19 The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;

- Did you identify your problems?
- Target your faith (pray in faith) at your problems.
- If you stay ready you won't have to get ready!