

What Plans Have We Made?

- Introduction:
1. We have discussed what the mission of the church is, but what plans have we made to make it what it ought to be?
 2. The importance of the church and its mission requires planning.
 3. We plan for much lesser things.
 - a. Ills. of our vacation to Florida and travelers checks.
 - b. Ills. of Buzz Aldrin and Lord's Supper on the moon.
 4. So what plans have we made?
- I. God Has Made Plans
- A. Before there was a sinner, there was a Savior (1 Peter 1:18-20; Revelation 13:8).
 - B. Before there was guilt, there was grace (2 Timothy 1:9).
 - C. Before there was death, there was eternal life (Titus 1:2).
- II. What Plans Have We Made?
- A. Ills. WWDC (World Wide Developers Conference).
 - B. (Exodus 18:13-26).
 1. He listened to a different opinion (18:17).
 - a. Be open to new ideas.
 - b. View through the eyes of another person.
 - c. Congregational planning day.
 2. He selected qualified leaders to work with him (18:21,25).
 - a. Avoid the "good old boy" mentality.
 - b. Get the right person for the right job.
 3. He trained them for their task (18:20).
 - a. Frustration is often due to failed expectations and failed expectations are often due to lack of training and communication.
 4. He described their responsibilities, specifying what they were and were not to do (18:25,26).
 5. The result is that it was good for Moses and all the people (18:23).
 - C. (Acts 6:1-7).
 1. Every problem should be communicated, heard, and evaluated.
 - a. Even when those problems are communicated properly (6:1).
 2. Problems should be given quick attention (5:1-11; 6:2-3).
 3. Even the best leaders cannot do everything (6:2,4).
 4. The congregation is enlisted to help with the solution (6:3).
 5. The church grew (6:7).
- Conclusion:
1. The mission of the church is just too important not to make plans.
 2. Let's give the kingdom of God the priority, prayer, and planning it deserves.