

Storylines Part 3

Building Plan Update

Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel. From the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion. - Isa. 8:18
But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. – 2 Cor. 9:6

Review

- 1. Characters 2. Goal 3. Author(s) 4. Passion

5. Write the Script

- “Action!”
- *“The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty” – Prov. 21:5*
- *Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. (NLT)*
- Last week: Task without vision is drudgery
- Vision without task is fantasy.
- God wants to deliver us from illusion.

How to Write the Plan

- **Long term: How do you want this story to end?**
 - Great marriage, children successful in life
 - My life bearing fruit for God
 - Mentoring young men/women
 - Active in missions
 - Financially independent
- **Short term: What needs to change for the story to end the way you would like?**
 - “The truth is...” (Jim Loehr)
 - Better communication with my wife, children
 - Get off of dead center in ministry
 - Write a budget (short and long term).
- **What actions do you need to take to change the storyline?**
 - Faith is an action verb!
 - Eat meals a couple of times a week together – TALK
 - Go on a regular date with your wife, or even better, a weekend.
 - Volunteer in ministry NOW
 - Come up with an exercise plan. Make it a priority.
- **Evaluate: Is it Working?**
 - John 8:32 - *“And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”*
 - (exercise plan)
 - Many times to get a good action plan, you need input from others

- *Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established. Prov. 15:22*
- *Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety. Prov. 11:14*

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Of course, throughout, God will be your Senior Partner, if you'll let him!

- *James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*
- *Isa. 9:6 - And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
- *Phil. 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*