

HOW TO PLAN

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Introduction

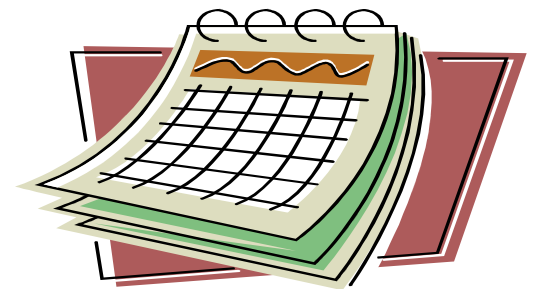
- Nothing wrong with planning. *(Matt. 19:16)*
- Some don't make the effort. *(Matt. 19:22)*
- Some DO plan, but DON'T plan for the most important things. *(Acts 5:1-10)*
- What about you? What about this church?

Three Simple Rules

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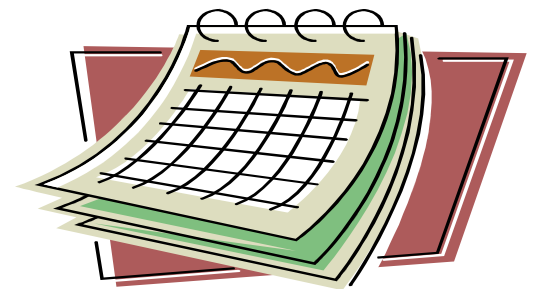
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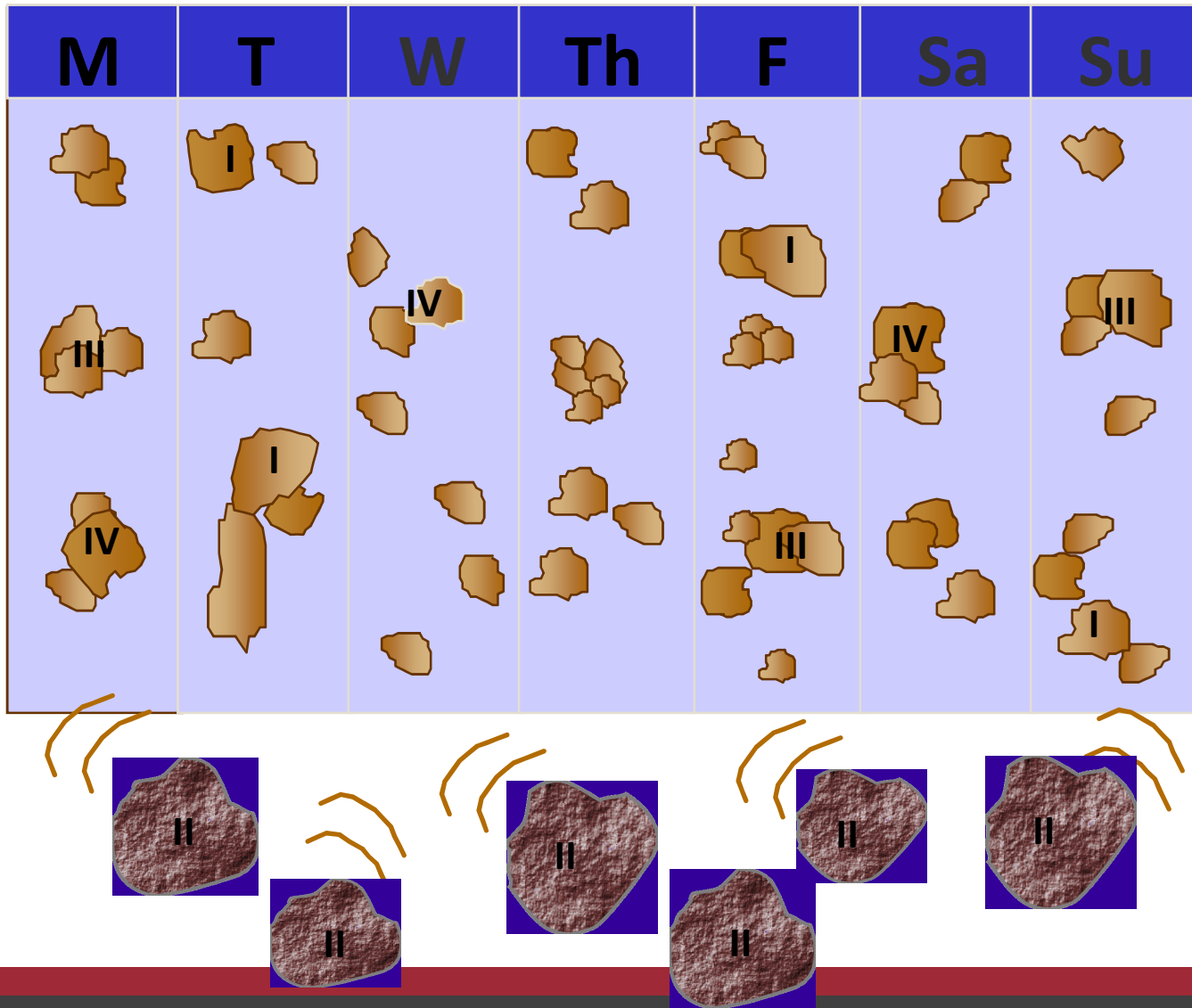
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Ineffective Prioritization

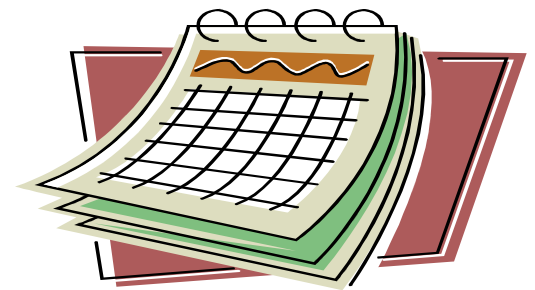


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- *Luke 12:16-21*, Rich farmer

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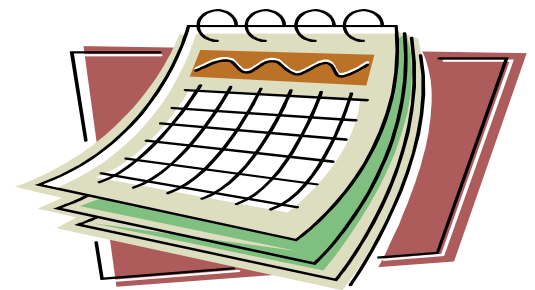
2. Learn What You Must Do

- *Luke 14:28-33*, Count the costs? (28)
 - Learn the process. (28)
 - Learn from the authority. (31)
 - Learn & avoid common mistakes. (33)
- *Proverbs 3:1-10*, Priorities are important.

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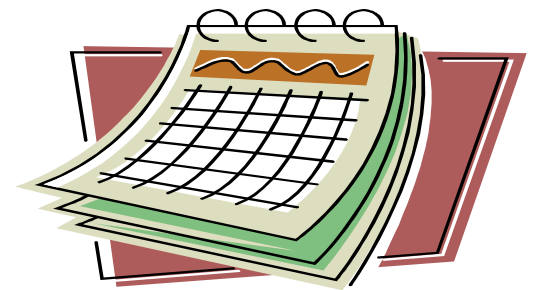
3. Put Your Plans Into Action

- JUST DO IT. ● (*Acts 22:16, etc. etc. etc.*)
- Good intentions are useless w/o action.
- Avoid procrastination
- *James 4:14-17*, Avoid boasting & arrogance
- *Colossians 3:23-25*, Do what you do with God in mind!

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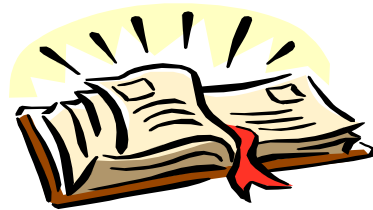


Conclusion

- Planning needed for trip to Disney World?



- Planning needed for trip to heaven?



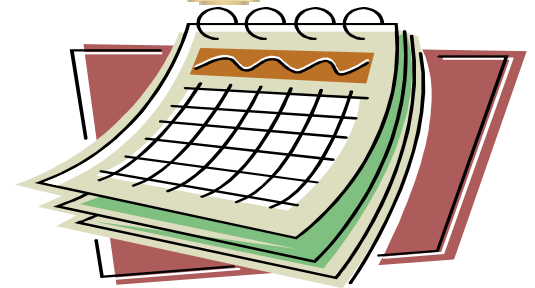
- Don't delay. Get ready now!



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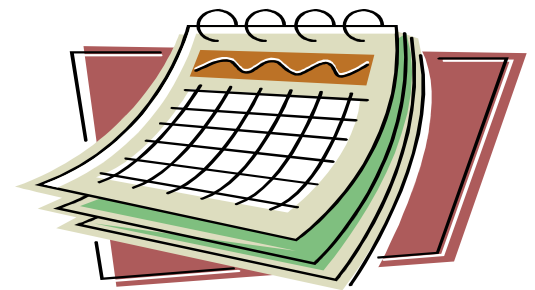
Planning For Heaven

1. Know What You Want!
2. Learn What You Must Do!
(Don't Leave God Out of the Plan)
3. Put Your Plan Into Action!

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