ARE YOU IN CONTROL?

Proverbs 19:21 ... "There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the Lord's counsel – that will stand."

There is something about our human nature that tells us we must be in control of our circumstances. Or, perhaps, it is the voice of the devil that tells us we can do a better job of running our lives than God can. The insistence on being in control of one's self is what keeps many people from accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior. If we surrender ourselves to Christ, we believe it will make us look weak to our friends and those watching us, because it means we are also relinquishing control. Control is a powerful influence and, if you are not careful, it can be your powerful enemy.

Our verse today suggests that only God's plan for us is guaranteed to be successful, solely on the basis that it is HIS plan. The plans you and I make have no guarantee of success. My plans must often be changed or cancelled because I cannot always predict situations that will need my attention. I am a planner at heart. I love to make lists, study my options, and devise strategies to succeed. I love the feeling of personal accomplishment. But I have often failed when I allowed my plans to replace God's plans for my life.

Are you ignoring God's plan for your life so that you can remain in control? Can you control your destiny? Are you sure?

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