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**The Lord wants you to live in His light.**

**Pv. 19:21 *Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.***

Do you have a "to do" list? You know, the list you make of all the tasks you feel need to be accomplished? Now I'm not saying that this is something you shouldn't do. In fact, I believe we can be organized and thus be more efficient with our time and our energy. We need to be good stewards of the time the LORD has given us. The only problem with the "to do" list is when it becomes **our** list and not the **LORD's**. We can become so enslaved to our focus or our desires, that we can totally miss the plans that He has for us.

So, what can we do to make sure we are not just focused on our selfish plans? I'm always drawn back to His word to us in **Mt. 6:33: *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*** In other words, when we focus on Him and what He desires, then our desires can come into line with His. I think we sometimes try to fit Him into our mold rather than being molded by Him and led into His path. I plead guilty.

What is interesting to me is this statement. It is a reminder to us all. ***It is the LORD's purpose that prevails.*** You see, no matter how many plans we make, it is the purpose of God that will always prevail. Sooner or later, you will see His will done. We don't need to be so caught up on the "to dos" of today that we forget His purposes for this day. It is His plans that really only matter.

**Dear LORD, help us to seek You first and Your righteousness. Help us to keep our eyes on You and not on us. When we seek You, we will find You and know what You have for us to do. In Jesus Name, Amen.**