

# **“PRACTICAL WISDOM FROM PROVERBS”**

## **Proverbs - Pt.7 - GN. 4/2/23.**



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### **B. Have a vision.**

#### **VISION**

Many times, vision begins when a person feels unable to accept things as they are. Over time that dissatisfaction matures into a clear picture of what it could be.

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- Is there any value in planning in life?

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*<sup>15</sup> The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.*

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*Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance.*

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- **In your purpose, your vision, your plans don't forget the Lord, he has given you all you have**

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- “Let go of the past so that God can open the door to your future.”
- C.S. Lewis.  
“Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward.”
- “To heal your wound, you need to stop touching it.”
- “It hurts to let go, but sometimes it hurts more to hold on.”

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