> “Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the Lord, and their works are in the dark; they say, ‘Who sees us?’ and, ‘Who knows us?’”
> — *Isaiah 29:15*

Blessed be the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome, dear reader, to reflect with us upon the words of life.

Here, the Lord gives a serious warning to all who think they can live independently from Him — those who believe they can manage their lives without God’s involvement. Many say in their hearts, *“There’s no need to pray about this; I can handle it myself.”* Though we may not say it aloud, we often live as if God has no part in our decisions.

IGNORING GOD IN OUR DAILY PLANS

You may say, “I want to marry — why should I pray about finding a good partner? I’ll simply choose whoever pleases my eyes.” Or, “I’m starting a business — I don’t need to ask God for direction.”

Others think, “I’ve got a new job; why bother bringing a thanksgiving offering to church?” or “Why should I tithe from my income? What difference will that make to me? These pastors just want our money anyway.”

Such reasoning exposes a heart that believes it can hide its plans from God. You wake up in the morning and all you think about is *your own agenda* — not God’s will. Yet, when sickness or danger comes, you are quick to call upon Him for help.

But friend, don’t forget — we are but a vapor.

> “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”
> — *James 4:13–14*

GOD SEES THE HIDDEN THINGS

To live as if God does not matter is dangerous. When you mock or

joke about the Word of God, you are actually mocking your own soul.

> “Shall the one who contends with the Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes God, let him answer it.”
> — *Job 40:2*

Because God appears silent, many assume He doesn’t see or care. But the Scripture says:

> “So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, to walk in their own counsels.”
> — *Psalm 81:12*

When God allows a person to continue in darkness and pride, that is not freedom — it is judgment.

> “Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear

> of the Lord... therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way."
> — *Proverbs 1:29–31*

SUBMIT YOUR PLANS TO GOD

Dear friend, there is still grace. Many of us once lived like that — planning our own way, despising the voice of God — until we realized life without Christ is an empty cloth, a vanity. But when we surrendered our ways to Him, He gave us life and peace.

> "Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established."
> — *Proverbs 16:3*

We are now living in the final days. The Lord Jesus is at the door. Turn to Him while there is time. Do not hide your plans or your life from God. Let Him be your first counselor in every matter.

> "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is

> the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters... and will not fear when heat comes."
> — *Jeremiah 17:7–8*

May the Lord help you to walk in His counsel and not your own.

Shalom.

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