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INTRODUCTION

Why did God make so many promises? Maybe it's because he wants to show you how much you can really trust him. Maybe he is so interested in you that he is trying to get your attention with each amazing promise he makes, wanting to show you just how much you have to look forward to as you travel through life. This unique book presents 365 of these incredible promises, one for every day of the year. All these promises will come true—or have already come true. You simply have to decide whether you want to be part of them or not.

Imagine that every morning you could be inspired by a promise from God's Word and then live the rest of the day with either the expectation that God will fulfill that promise or the confidence that comes from a promise already fulfilled. *The Plans I Have for You* is designed to inspire you in just that way. Every page is dated, making the book easy to use. First, read the promise from

God. Think about it. Let it soak in. Then read the short devotional note to help you look at your day differently because of God's promise. Finally, read the question at the end to encourage and motivate you to trust that this promise was meant for you. Claim the promise as your own with the confidence that you can always trust God to keep his word. Our prayer is that you will be blessed and encouraged as you see and experience all that God has in store for you.

The Editors



JANUARY

BEGINNINGS

TODAY'S PROMISE

Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

LAMENTATIONS 3:23

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is a series of beginnings, and how you enter into them makes all the difference. Although the thought of new beginnings sometimes makes you feel anxious, remember that you experience them all the time. Each day brings a whole series of new opportunities, including opportunities to get to know God better and to start over with a new attitude toward circumstances and people in your life. God's mercy toward you is new every day, no matter what you've done or how you've treated him or other people the day before. That means you don't have to be burdened by yesterday's failures or regrets.

TODAY'S PLAN

Do you give new mercies each day to the people you live and work with, just as God gives new mercies to you?

BEGINNINGS

TODAY'S PROMISE

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

PSALM 51:10

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You harvest what you plant. Pumpkin seeds produce pumpkins. Sunflower seeds produce sunflowers. If you have sinful desires and thoughts, it is evidence that some bad seeds have been planted in your heart, and you need to do some weeding. You must beg the Lord to plant within you a clean heart so that your life will produce clean thoughts, motives, and actions. Complete renewal cannot be accomplished yet. None of us will be entirely “clean” in this life, but one of the most worthy goals you can pursue this year is purity of mind and heart.

TODAY'S PLAN

Can you make purity of mind and heart your goal for today? What might you look like a year from now—inside and out—if you met this goal not just today but every day?

CALL OF GOD

TODAY'S PROMISE

I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.

JEREMIAH 1:5

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You might think that God was only speaking to the prophet Jeremiah in these verses. But God calls everyone to do a certain job, to accomplish a specific task, or to use his or her gifts in a unique way. When God calls you to do something, he will make sure you know what it is. Often you will feel a strong sense of leading from him. It's up to you to respond and walk through the door of opportunity he opens.

TODAY'S PLAN

Do you have a strong sense that God is leading you in a certain direction or asking you to serve him in some way? How can you begin to respond to God's call in practical ways today?

GIFTS

TODAY'S PROMISE

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The natural abilities you have are gifts from God, and they are often a clue to what God wants you to do. Would God give you certain talents and spiritual gifts and then not ask you to use them? You may have natural gifts in the area of cooking, entertaining, managing a business, teaching, handling money, playing an instrument, or any number of other things. Use whatever gifts you have to bring honor and glory to God. Then you will be right where you need to be to discover God's will for you and to accomplish his purpose for you.

TODAY'S PLAN

How is God calling you to serve him with your gifts in the coming year?

PRAYER

TODAY'S PROMISE

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

MATTHEW 7:7-8

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There's more to prayer than just getting an answer to a question or a solution for a problem. God often does more in your heart through your act of prayer than he does in the actual answer to your prayer. As you persist in talking and listening to God, he promises that you will gain greater understanding of yourself and your situation as well as God's purpose for you and his direction for your life.

TODAY'S PLAN

How can you make your prayer life more of a conversation with God?

FUTURE

TODAY'S PROMISE

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

JEREMIAH 29:11

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Many people picture God as stern and vindictive, just watching and waiting for the chance to zap humans with bolts of misfortune. But this verse shows the opposite. God loves you and wants only good things for you. He wants your future—both in this life and in heaven—to be bright and hopeful.

TODAY'S PLAN

How can you begin to recognize God's goodness all around you?

BIBLE

TODAY'S PROMISE

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you buy a new smartphone but neglect to read the instruction manual, you'll miss out on many of the functions it's capable of doing. You'll be operating with just enough knowledge to perform basic functions. When it comes to reading the Bible, most of us read just enough to get by. We miss so much of what God's Word has to offer. Read the Bible daily so you can thoroughly understand everything God wants you to know. Then you will be able to live at peak performance.

TODAY'S PLAN

What can you do to develop the habit of reading God's Word more regularly?