

Our Plans are God's Plans

• *"Then God said, 'Let us make people in our image, to be like ourselves. They will be masters over all life. . . ' "* Genesis 1:26

• *"The heavens are the Lords, but the earth he has given to the sons of men."*

Psalm 115:16

• *"Delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart."*
Psalm 37:4

Look around you. Look at the world.

I made it for you. When you come to me, my plan is not to make you part of my plan. My plan is to make your plans part of my plan. I set you free to have a sound mind and a pure heart - to be like me, your Father. So what is the desire of your heart? Think about it. If my plan were just to fit into my plans, then you would not be sons and daughters but servants. I gave this world to you that you might use the creative thoughts and powers you have as my children to make it a place that reflects your dreams and desires and tastes.

I want you to invite me to walk with you and be part of your life on this garden earth I have given to you. I don't want you to be fearful of me being critical. I will be proud of whatever you accomplish and of you. I want to show you off and what you have done to people who think of me as a tyrant rather than a father who rejoices in the accomplishments and character of his children. So when you are ready, I'm ready. When you have some plans-- I'm listening and writing them down and will give you a helping hand to make them happen. My first interest, however, is you. I want you to get your life together. I'm ready to help. I want you happy and healthy and hopeful-free and empowered.

I'm in no hurry about anything. Take your time. Let me know what you are thinking.

I'll back you up. I believe in you. You will build beautiful and happy things in your world.