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Planning and preparation

Dear students,

I read one article in a summary of a book made by the Auxano Institute in the United States, which seems to have been the title "Preparation is More Important than Planning." Since then, I have been very interested in these two things. When I started up schools overseas (India and Kenya), I tried to apply this insight into practice. In other words, once we make the PLAN, and then we have to begin to PREPARE. These two words both are probably familiar, and easy, but people are not taken seriously.

Usually, we pray and decide to do a certain ministry or project, but now we make a plan. You are good up to now. However, planning takes a lot of time and energy, but in reality, and often it is not possible to actually proceed without it. It's a long way from trying to put the plan into practice. That's why I am saying here, 'Preparation' is necessary before practice. Many people are expecting that something is going to happen soon after planning. But is it true? No.

What is the preparation? From my experience, while I am preparing something, I'm sure it tends to practice, that is preparation and practice where overlap. Just planning does not happen in this. Preparation means that rather than preparing everything at once, as there is a saying that "when you light a candle at night, you can only see one to two meters ahead."

When I tried to start school overseas, I talked a lot with the leader in the local area about preparation. When we decide what to do, we say "Let's pray" to each other. That is not bad at all. That's the top priority.

So after praying and planning, I often told them, "Let's PREPARE from now, we talk a lot about planning," and they understood what I meant and accelerated the preparation. The word 'plan' was no longer needed for us. The word and concept of preparation, and the [verb form] of "preparing" remained, and in fact, only that "preparing" was waiting for us. So as we continued to prepare, we were able to eventually open the school. Only planning? Nothing happens! It was the result of preparing steadily for almost a year. The plan alone does not produce results. It doesn't happen if we just expect something to happen.

In fact, we have learned and done a lot of things 'to make plans'. It's not that we don't have to plan, but the potential unconsciousness that planning itself is the end often binds us. In other words, it means that after planning, we need to focus more on preparation and put our energy into it.

Why is preparation important! Preparation is not a one-time slogan, it is not completed at once, and it is not a [static noun.] It is actually progressing by continuing to do something that has no end. Then one day, there will be a moment of ending that we have completed.

Anyway, once the preparations begin, we will get a lot of ideas, insights, and resources from both inside and outside. If we just 'stand still' to make plans, we can't see and find the surrounding resources. When we prepare for a goal, we will find a way, and when we do, people will help us.

Robert Fritz emphasized this in his book, "The Path of the Resistance," that if we set one major goal and worked hard to achieve it, everything around us would help us. Because that's how people and things line up. This is what he called "structural dynamics."

Yes, God will be with us when we prepare for an important ministry. Planning alone is not enough. Many people make plans, but not many people execute them, and they no longer prepare in that direction, just standing still and waiting. Nothing happens, even you planed very well.

Personally, I found out that this was true because it came from my own experiences. We can't complete it if we just plan and stop there. It's a sad fact that many people stop before preparing. Because they make a plan, and then they stop as if they've done it. Then they are killing time looking forward to something happened, and ask "What's going to happen!" but it doesn't actually happen. After you have planned, you should move on to preparation.●

Weekly Axiom

The future will not just happen if one wishes hard enough.

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