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# Quotes about Planning

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The short- term plan, then, is an operative plan defining goals in writing and clearly indicating how these goals are to be carried out...

- American Management

A plan is a list of actions arranged in whatever sequence is thought likely to achieve an objective.

- Argenti, John

Whatever failures I have known, whatever errors I have committed, whatever follies I have witnessed in private and public life have been the consequence of action without thought.

- Baruch, Bernard M.

Most plans are just inaccurate predictions.

- Bayol, Ben

We need a sense of the value of time -- that is, of the best way to divide one's time into one's various activities.

- Bennett, Arnold

A first-rate Organizer is never in a hurry. He is never late. He always keeps up his sleeve

a margin for the unexpected.

- Bennett, Arnold

To bother about the best method of accomplishing an accidental result.

- Bierce, Ambrose

The method of the enterprising is to plan with audacity and execute with vigor.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

I have never yet seen any plan which has not been mended by the observations of those who were much inferior in understanding to the person who took the lead in the business.

- Burke, Edmund

You can never plan the future by the past.

- Burke, Edmund

Meticulous planning will enable everything a man does to appear spontaneous.

- Caine, Mark

At all times it is better to have a method.

- Caine, Mark

A trend is a trend is a trend. But the question is, will it bend? Will it alter its course through

some unforeseen force and come to a premature end?

- Cairncross, Alec

To be prepared is half the victory.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

I'm just preparing my impromptu remarks.

- Churchill, Winston

It is a mistake to look too far ahead. Only one link in the chain of destiny can be handled at a time.

- Churchill, Winston

There is in the act of preparing, the moment you start caring.

- Churchill, Winston

Before beginning, plan carefully.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Make your mold. The best flux in the world will not make a usable shape unless you have a mold to pour it in.

- Collier, Robert

A man who does not think and plan long ahead will find trouble right at his door.

- Confucius

To have his path made clear for him is the aspiration of every human being in our beclouded and tempestuous existence.

- Conrad, Joseph

Magnificently unprepared for the long littleness of life.

- Cornford, Frances

In order to plan your future wisely, it is necessary that you understand and appreciate your past.

- Coudert, Jo

The structure will automatically provide the pattern for the action which follows.

- Curtis, Donald

Always plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

- Cushing, Richard C.

I am prepared for the worst, but hope for the best.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

First you write down your goal; your second job is to break down your goal into a series of steps, beginning with steps which are absurdly easy.

- Dodson, Fitzhugh

It's not the plan that is important, it's the planning.

- Edwards, Graeme

In complex situations, we may rely too heavily on planning and forecasting and underestimate the importance of random factors in the environment. That reliance can also lead to delusions of control.

- Einhorn, Hillel J.

In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

Plans are nothing; planning is everything.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Few people have any next, they live from hand to mouth without a plan, and are always at the end of their line.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Do not plan for ventures before finishing what's at hand.

- Euripides

Long-range planning works best in the short term

- Evelyn, Doug

Some self-confronting questions: Where do I want to be at any given time? How am I going to get there? What do I have to do to get myself from where I am to where I want to be?... What's the first, small step I can take to get moving?

- Ford, George A.

It is important not to ignore forecasts that are uncongenial.

- Fowles, Jib

I have always thought that one man of tolerable abilities may work great changes, and accomplish great affairs among mankind, if he first forms a good plan, and, cutting off all amusements or other employments that would divert his attention, make the execution of that same plan his sole study and business.

- Franklin, Benjamin

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.

- Franklin, Benjamin

If we can't figure something out in three weeks, we probably shouldn't bother.

- Gilbert, Steven

Everything someone does on a daily basis should be traceable back to an annual or quarterly plan.

- Griggs, Richard E.

Affairs that depend on many rarely succeed.

- Guicciardini, Francesco

If you have accomplished all that you have planned for yourself, you have not planned enough

- Hale, Edward Everett

Planning is an unnatural process; it is much more fun to do something. The nicest thing about not planning is that failure comes as a complete surprise, rather than being preceded by a period of worry and depression.

- Harvey, Sir John

For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst and provide for it.

- Henry, Patrick

Every well built house started in the form of a definite purpose plus a definite plan in the nature of a set of blueprints.

- Hill, Napoleon

Reduce your plan to writing. The moment you complete this, you will have definitely given concrete form to the intangible desire.

- Hill, Napoleon

One thing at a time, all things in succession. That which grows fast withers as rapidly; and that which grows slow endures.

- Holland, Josiah Gilbert

Can you think of anything more permanently elating than to know that you are on the right road at last?

- Howard, Vernon

Thoroughness characterizes all successful men. Genius is the art of taking infinite pains. All great achievement has been characterized by extreme care, infinite painstaking, even to the minutest detail.

- Hubbard, Elbert

He, who every morning plans the transactions of the day, and follows that plan, carries a thread that will guide him through a labyrinth of the most busy life.

- Hugo, Victor

Each man should frame life so that at some future hour fact and his dreaming meet.

- Hugo, Victor

Many things difficult in design prove easy in performance.

- Johnson, Samuel

A good plan is like a road map: it shows the final destination and usually the best way to get there.

- Judd, H. Stanley

The loftier the building the deeper the foundation must be.

- Kempis, Thomas

The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.

- Kennedy, John F.

There is no advancement to him who stands trembling because he cannot see the end from the beginning.

- Klemme, E. J.

Always have a plan, and believe in it. Nothing happens by accident.

- Knox, Chuck

Failing to plan is planning to fail.

- Lakein, Alan

Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now.

- Lakein, Alan

Setting a goal is not the main thing. It is deciding how you will go about achieving it and staying with that plan.

- Landry, Tom

We must ask where we are and whither we are tending.

- Lincoln, Abraham

A good system shortens the road to the goal.

- Marden, Orison Swett

You win not by chance, but by preparation.

- Maris, Roger

Success or failure is often determined on the drawing board.

- Mckain, Robert J.

Strategic planning will help you fully uncover your available options, set priorities for them, and define the methods to achieve them.

- Mckain, Robert J.

For the happiest life, days should be rigorously planned, nights left open to chance.

- McLaughlin, Mignon

Plan your progress carefully; hour-by hour, day-by-day, month-by-month. Organized activity and maintained enthusiasm are the wellsprings of your power.

- Meyer, Paul J.

If you plan to win as I do, the game never ends.

- Mikita, Stan

Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up.

- Milne, A. A.

The wise man bridges the gap by laying out the path by means of which he can get from

where he is to where he wants to go.

- Morgan, John Pierpont

Developing the plan is actually laying out the sequence of events that have to occur for you to achieve your goal.

- Morrisey, George L.

The best business plans are straightforward documents that spell out the who, what, where, why, and how much...

- Nelson, Paula

All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination.

- Nightingale, Earl

Your problem is to bridge the gap which exists between where you are now and the goal you intend to reach.

- Nightingale, Earl

When schemes are laid in advance, it is surprising how often the circumstances will fit in with them.

- Osler, Sir William

A good plan violently executed right now is far better than a perfect plan executed next

week.

- Patton, George S.

A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow.

- Patton, George S.

The end we aim at must be known, before the way can be made.

- Paul, Jean

Plan your work for today and every day, then work your plan.

- Peale, Norman Vincent

The beginning is the most important part of the work.

- Plato

One step at a time is good walking.

- Proverb, Chinese

When planning for a year, plant corn. When planning for a decade, plant trees. When planning for life, train and educate people.

- Proverb, Chinese

No one was ever lost on a straight road.

- Proverb, Indian

When you're dying of thirst it's too late to think about digging a well.

- Proverb, Japanese

With a definite, step-by-step plan -- ah, what a difference it makes! You cannot fail, because each step carries you along to the next, like a track

- Reed, Scott

If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much.

- Rohn, Jim

Never begin the day until it is finished on paper.

- Rohn, Jim

It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.

- Roosevelt, Eleanor

What do you want to achieve or avoid? The answers to this question are objectives. How will you go about achieving your desire results? The answer to this you can call strategy.

- Rothschild, William E.

Always be planning something.

- Schindler, John A.

We always plan too much and always think too little.

- Schumpeter, Joseph A.

Somewhere there is a map of how it can be done.

- Stein, Ben

Planning ahead is a measure of class. The rich and even the middle class plan for future generations, but the poor can plan ahead only a few weeks or days.

- Steinem, Gloria

If you employed study, thinking, and planning time daily, you could develop and use the power that can change the course of your destiny.

- Stone, W. Clement

It is a bad plan that admits of no modification.

- Syrus, Publilius

It takes time to save time.

- Taylor, Joe

If we had more time for discussion we should probably have made a great many more mistakes.

- Trotsky, Leon

Most people are content to let perfect days happen at random rather than PLAN for them.

- Unknown, Source

Planning without action is futile, action without planning is fatal

- Unknown, Source

The person who doesn't know where his next dollar is coming from usually doesn't know where his last dollar went.

- Unknown, Source

PLANNING VS REACTING: How organized are you? Could your life be called a ballet or is it a hockey game (or a pin-ball machine)? However, even in a hockey game, good hockey player learn to skate to where the puck WILL BE.

- Unknown, Source

Plan well before you take the journey. Remember the carpenter's rule: Measure twice, cut once.

- Unknown, Source

Plan more than you can do, then do it. Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it.

Hitch your wagon to a star, keep your seat, and there you are

- Unknown, Source

Before you build a better mousetrap, it helps to know if there are any mice out there.

- Unknown, Source

It's never too late to start planning for the future.

- Unknown, Source

For every minute spent in organizing, an hour is earned.

- Unknown, Source

Don't be a time manager, be a priority manager. Cut your major goals into bite-sized pieces. Each small priority or requirement on the way to ultimate goal become a mini goal in itself.

- Waitley, Denis

An intelligent plan is the first step to success. The man who plans knows where he is going, knows what progress he is making and has a pretty good idea when he will arrive.

- Walsh, Basil S.

Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you

invest, investigate. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try.  
Before you retire, save. Before you die, give.

- Ward, William A.

Failure to prepare is preparing to fail.

- Wooden, John

Life is a long preparation for something that never happens.

- Yeats, William Butler

Divide your movements into easy-to-do sections. If you fail, divide again.

- Zarlenga, Peter Nivio

Many people spend more time in planning the wedding than they do in planning the  
marriage

- Ziglar, Zig

The plan was smooth on paper, only they forgot about the ravines.

- Russian Military Proverb





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