



DAY 23



## PLAN AHEAD

**Prepare your work outside; Get everything ready for yourself  
in the field, And after that build your house.**

**Proverbs 24:27**

Is Solomon telling us to prepare our fields and then build a house? Or is this more of an admonition to prepare our hearts and minds before planning and performing any task? I believe he is using the analogy of preparing the fields to let us know God wants us to prepare by planning and praying about each meaningful task we must perform.

Building a house, marrying, and rearing a family all require us to plan ahead and make sure we have the will and resources to accomplish the task.

What does this mean as we prepare for Advent?

*So many things compete for our attention, but the most essential thing is preparing our hearts for Christ. Father help us discern those tasks we ought to do and help us diligently serve you.*

*Amen.*

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