

## My way or God's way

It is a constant daily battle for us as Christians to put away self ambition and decide to follow Christ in every area and instance of our lives. I think about a recent situation in my life in where I had planned to do something with Claudia that would help move our lives forward in some great ways – so I thought. I told her my plan, then I told God my plan – and I am sure He got a good laugh out of it. I have heard it said that God laughs most at our long term plans. The problem with my plan and God's plan is that if they are not the same, one of them isn't going to happen – guess who's that is.

Now sure, we can try and push open or even push down the door that holds us back, but if we really know in our hearts that it is not God's timing or plan, our push to make it happen will many times turn into bitter hurt and disappointment. For example, every morning I spend time with God in His Word and in prayer asking Him to direct my steps. Now if I then take back over the "decision" power in my life, I have been lying to God and become my own God in that area. We all struggle with this, but the sooner we discover this truth each day and look onto God's master plan instead of ours, the less we will be nervous, worried, uptight and disappointed.

**"If you handed over the direction for your life to God – don't take it back or it could be disastrous."**

One of the people I admire most in this way of living is Tony Dungy, the coach for the 2006 Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts. I had the honor of meeting Tony in person one day when my sister Amy worked for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Tony was one of the most humble men I have ever met. As we finished watching a training sessions with 200 and 300 pound men coming off the practice field, Tony stood only about 5'8" and I'm guessing 160 pounds. His voice was soft, his demeanor was calm and his eyes filled with love. Amazingly he had the upmost respect of every player on that team, most of whom were more than twice his size.

If you have never read Tony's book, "Quiet Strength" I highly recommend it. In it Tony talks of the times in his life where he had to humble himself before God and His plan, even at the time a few years ago when his son Jamie took his only life while still a teenager. Not many of the things in Tony's life were easy to deal with, including being fired from the head coaching position at Tampa, but Tony trusts God, asks God, then goes with God – even to this day. If you want to be victory and even be respected by the "biggest", "strongest" people, humble yourself before God and accept His ability to lift you to His heights.

**Here are three simple questions for to answer and keep in front of you this week:**

- 1) How much do you follow God's plan versus your own plan on a daily basis?
- 2) How well do you know God's direction for you life?
- 3) How much do you seek God's direction, and let Him lead it, in your life?

**Prayer:** "Lord Jesus, I truly want you to be Lord of my life. I want to follow you, wherever you lead, every moment of every day. Help me know your plan and put my agenda aside to live for you. Amen."

**Scripture:** James 4:10

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