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How helpful to remember that God is sovereign over everything that happens to us and around us. It's wise to plan ahead for each day, but our plans must always be subject to God's will and God's perfect timing. We need to be willing to let God delete our schedule and replace it with His. He knows what He wants us to do each day.

Perhaps there are ten things we planned to do on a certain day, and it can be frustrating to only accomplish two of them. Yet remember, there is always enough time in every day to do those things that God has for us to do. Not my schedule, but Thine be done! How we need to wait on the Lord and allow Him to bring people and circumstances into our lives which may change our course and alter our plans. God can take us away from doing what we wanted to do, and open up new opportunities to serve Him, even in unexpected ways.

We should allow the Lord to alter or even destroy our schedule. We can trust God, not just with big events, but also regarding trivial events which can tend to make us upset, irritated and impatient. When something unexpected happens, remember that God knows all about it and God is not taken by surprise. Our disappointments are the Lord's appointments.

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