



Redeeming the Weekends

Isaiah 58

**What are my
weekends for?**

Redeeming the Weekends **Is58**

1. Pretending → **Protecting**(v3-9a)
2. Pride → **Providence**(v9b-12)
3. Pleasure → **Praise** (v13-14)


A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person and a child walking away on a paved path. The path is covered with fallen autumn leaves in shades of brown, orange, and yellow. The person on the right is wearing blue jeans and black sneakers with white soles. The child on the left is wearing blue jeans and dark sneakers with white soles. The background shows a fence and trees with autumn foliage.

Declare to my people their **rebellion**
and to the descendants of Jacob their **sins**.

Isaiah 58:1 (NIV)

1. Pretending → Protecting

- Don't: Pursue **Appearance** of Humility (v2-5)
- Do: **Protect** the Oppressed (v6-7)
- Promise: **Answer** our Cry + **Protect** (v8-9)



day after day they **seek me out**;
they **seem eager** to know my ways, [...]

They ask me for **just decisions**
and seem eager for God to **come near** them.

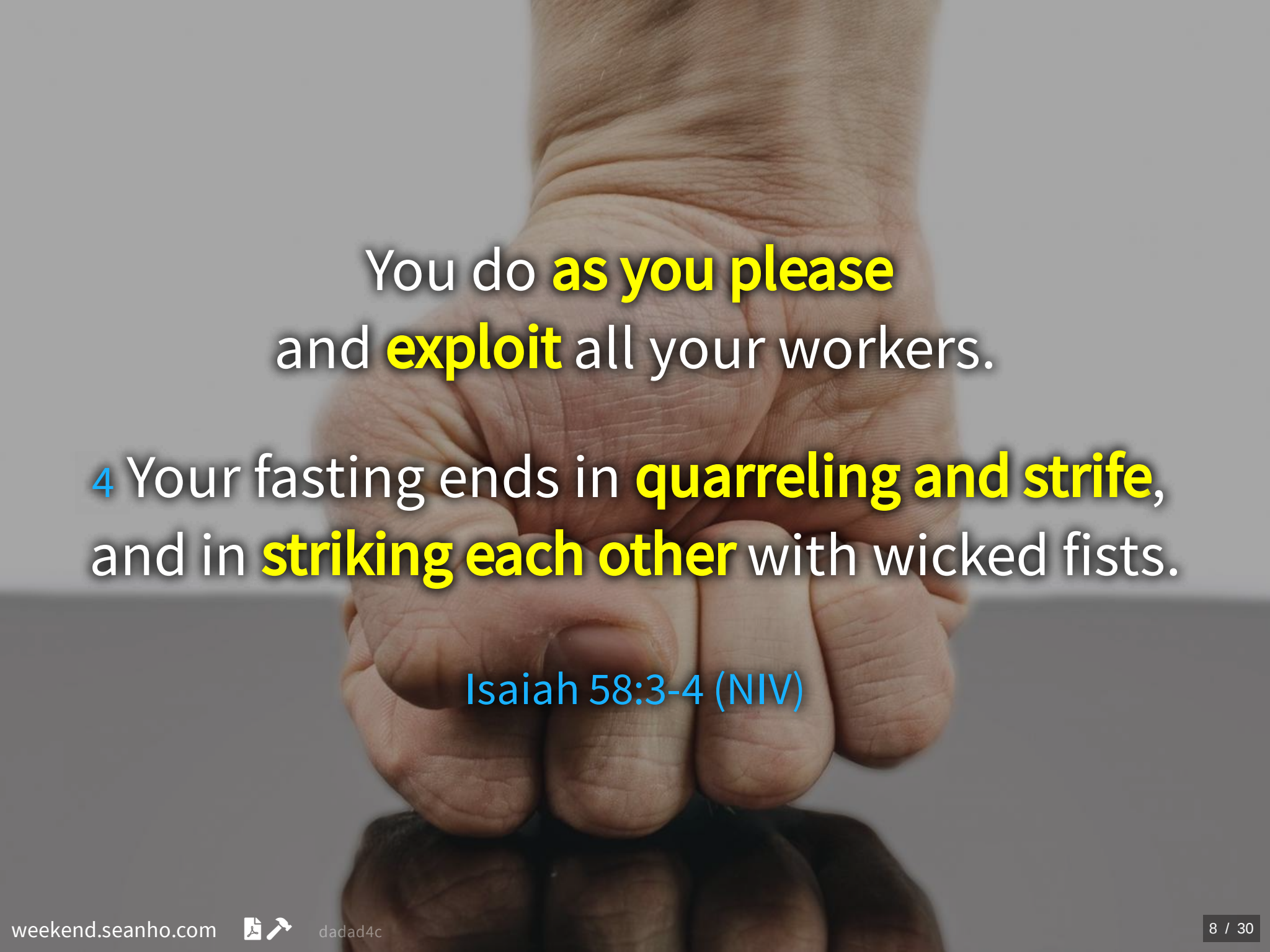
Isaiah 58:2 (NIV)

A person is lying in bed, reading a large, dark-colored Bible. The person's face is partially obscured by the text overlay. The background shows a wooden headboard and a white bedsheet. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow colors.

only a day for people
to **humble themselves?**

Is it only for **bowing one's head** like a reed
and for lying in **sackcloth and ashes?**

Isaiah 58:5 (NIV)



You do **as you please**
and **exploit** all your workers.

4 Your fasting ends in **quarreling and strife**,
and in **striking each other** with wicked fists.

Isaiah 58:3-4 (NIV)


1. Pretending → Protecting

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To loose the **chains of injustice**
and untie the **CORDS OF THE YOKE**,
to set the **OPPRESSED** free
and break every **YOKE**?

Isaiah 58:6 (NIV)



To **share your food** with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with **shelter**
when you see the naked, to **clothe them**,
and not to turn away
from your own **flesh and blood**?

Isaiah 58:7 (NIV)

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- Do: Protect the Oppressed (v6-7)
- **Promise: Answer our Cry + Protect** (v8-9)

then your righteousness will **go before** you,
and the glory of the Lord
will be your **rear guard**.

9 Then you will **call**, and the Lord will **answer**;
you will **cry for help**, and he will say: **Here am I**

Isaiah 58:8-9 (NIV)

Do I care more
about **appearing**
humble than
protecting the
oppressed?

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1. Pretending → Protecting (v3-9a)
2. **Pride** → **Providence** (v9b-12)
3. Pleasure → Praise (v13-14)

2. Pride → Providence

- Don't: Presume **Superiority** (v9b)
- Do: **Provide** for the Needy (v10a)
- Promise: **Satisfy** Needs + **Restore**
(v10b-12)



If you do away with the **yoke of oppression**,
with the **pointing finger** and **malicious talk**,

Isaiah 58:9 (NIV)



if you **spend yourselves**
in behalf of the hungry
and **satisfy the needs** of the oppressed,

Isaiah 58:10 (NIV)



satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will **strengthen** your frame.

You will be like a **well-watered garden**,
like a **spring** whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)



Your people will **rebuild** the ancient ruins
and will **raise up** the age-old foundations;
you will be called **Repairer** of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Isaiah 58:12 (NIV)

Do I care more
about **justifying**
myself than
providing for the
needy?

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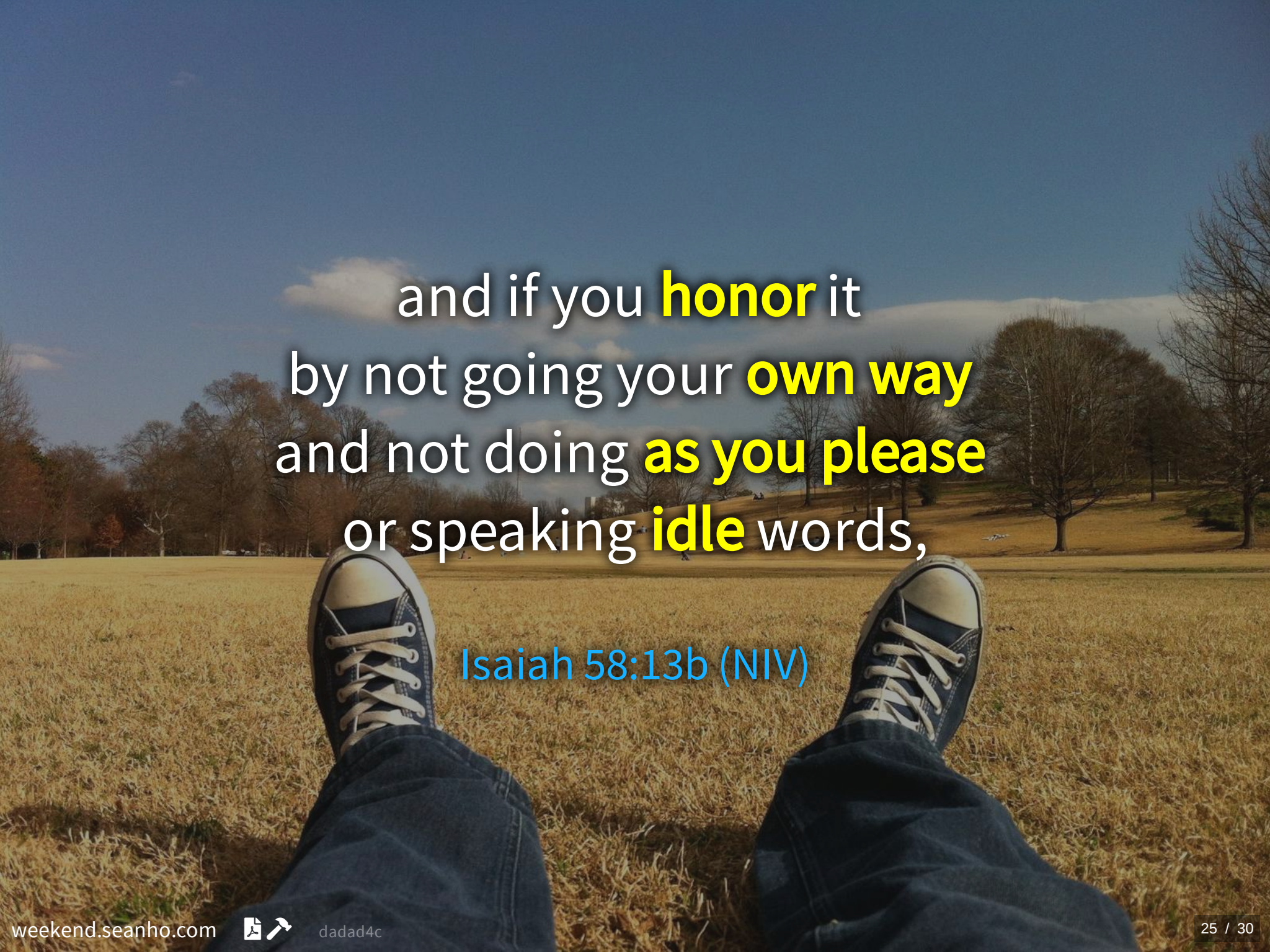
3. Pleasure → Praise

- **Don't:** Do as We **Pleasure** on Sabbath
(v13)
- **Do:** Consider Its **Joy** and **Gravity**
(v13b)
- **Promise:** Be Our **Joy** and **Triumph**
(v14)




If you keep your **feet**
from breaking the **Sabbath**
and from doing **as you please** on my holy day,

Isaiah 58:13a (NIVCUV)



and if you **honor** it
by not going your **own way**
and not doing **as you please**
or speaking **idle** words,

Isaiah 58:13b (NIV)

A hand is holding a large, light-colored feather against a clear blue sky. The feather is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its base held by a hand in the lower-left corner. The text is overlaid on the feather and sky.

if you call the Sabbath a **delight**
and the Lord's holy day **honorable**,

Isaiah 58:13 (NIV)



Then you will **find your joy** in the Lord,
and I will cause you to **ride in triumph**
on the heights of the land

Isaiah 58:14 (NIV)

A stone path leads through tall grass under a cloudy sky. The path is made of several parallel stone slabs, and the grass is lush and green. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the **desires** of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

Psalm 37:4-5 (ESV)

Do I care more
about my own
plans than
declaring God's
glory?

