



“Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, “Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD remains under curtains.” Then Nathan said to David, “Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you.” And it came to pass the same night that the word of the God came to Nathan saying, “Go and tell David... you shall not build me a house...” 1 Chronicles 17:1-4, 10, 16)

Be careful! Wise counsel is not the word of the LORD. Be careful! Neither is human encouragement the voice of the LORD. David desired to do a good thing and Nathan the prophet was in agreement with him. But when the word of the Lord did come it cut across all of David's desire and Nathan's advice! It is far too easy to offer advice that appears good, and in most cases would be considered sound judgment and logical reasoning, only to have an embarrassing moment when the true word of the LORD is at last spoken!

Be careful, presumption can be dangerous. To presume upon the mind of the LORD may lead to all sorts of confusion and loss. Better to wait upon the LORD until He reveals His purpose than to run head long into trouble. “My soul, wait only upon God, for my expectation is from Him.” (Psalm 62:5)