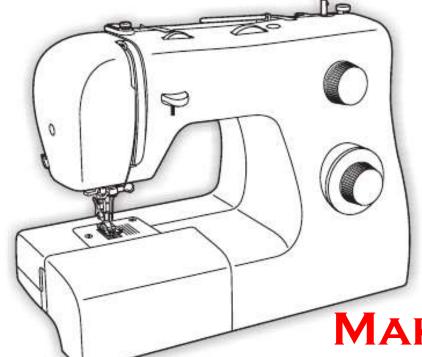


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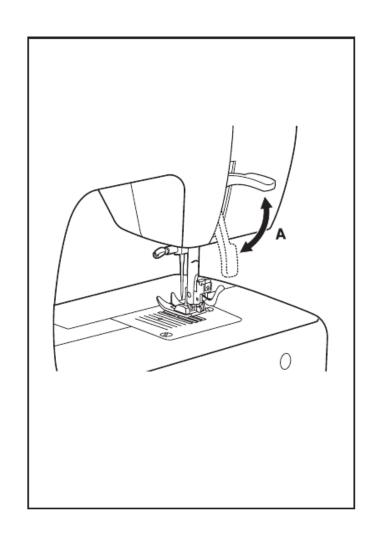


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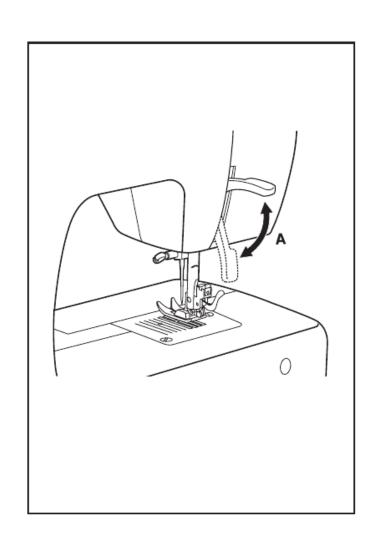
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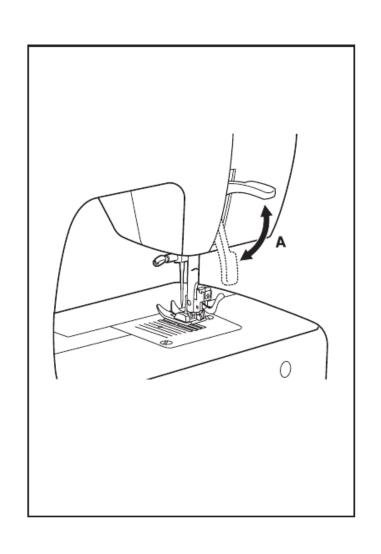


"Now I don't take things for granted as much. Your priorities change. The things that used to bother you in life, you now see that they are really not that important. Life is so precious and is so fragile."



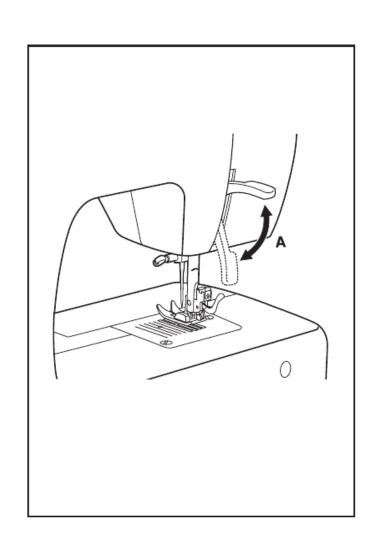
"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail!"

"If you fail to seek God's will your plans will fail!"



### **Psalm 14:2**

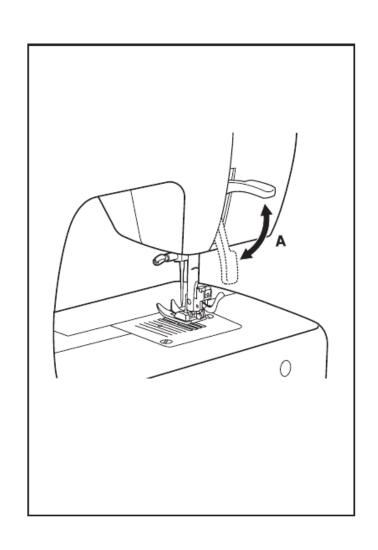
The LORD looks down from heaven on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone is truly wise, if anyone seeks God.



## Planning Is Good, But The Will Of God Is Better

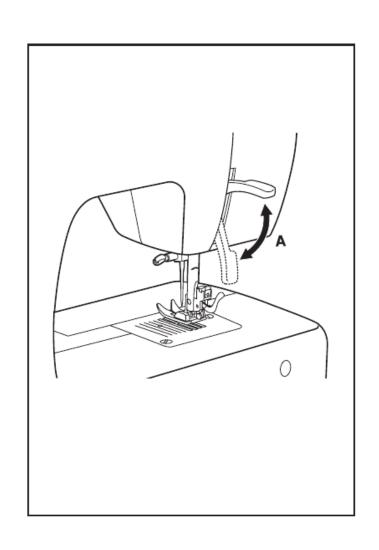
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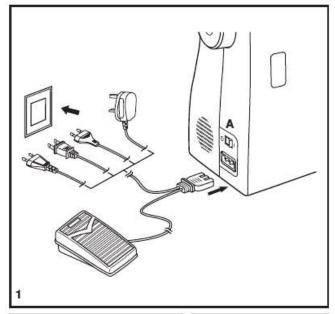
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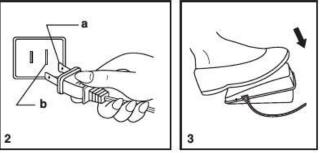
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and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil.

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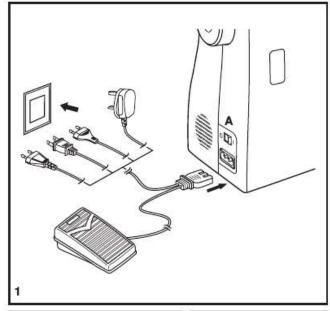


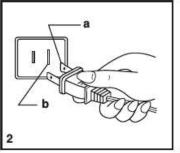
"In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable."

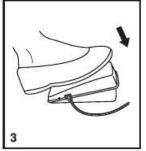
Dwight D. Eisenhower

"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe."

Abraham Lincoln



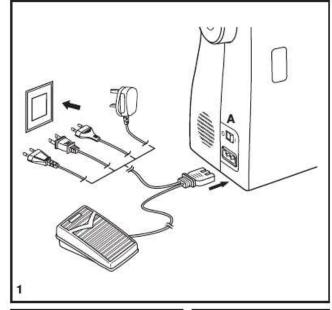


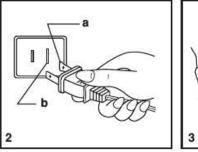


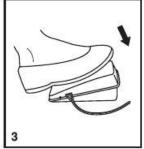
## Planning is a good thing, as long as God is in it.

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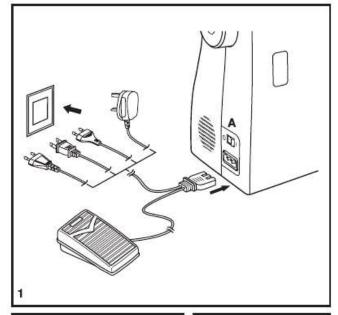


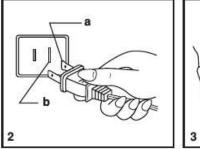


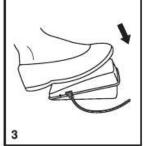
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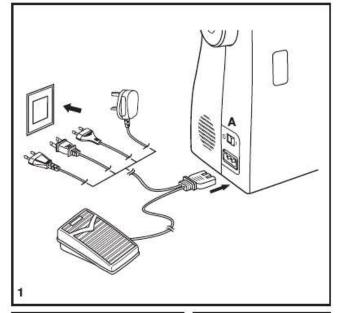


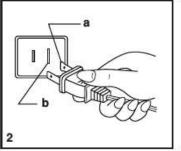


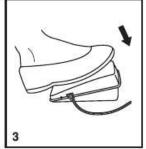
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### Proverbs 27:1

Don't brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring.



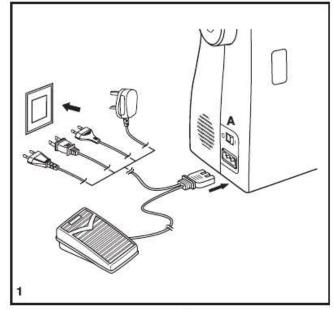


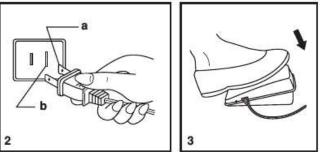


## Because the future is uncertain, it is even more important that we completely depend on God

### **James 4:13**

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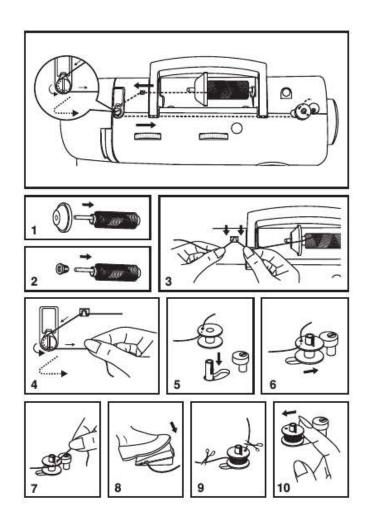




It is good to have goals, but goals can disappoint us if we leave God out of them.

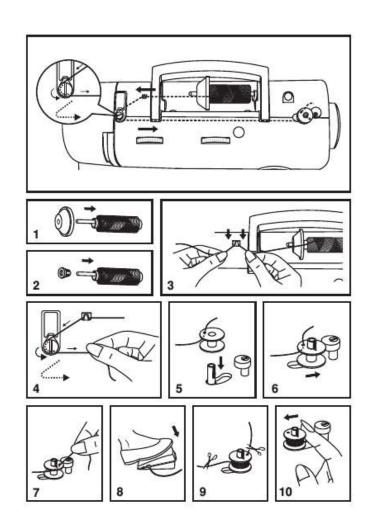
### **ATTENTION:**

If we put God's desires at the center of our planning, he will never disappoint us

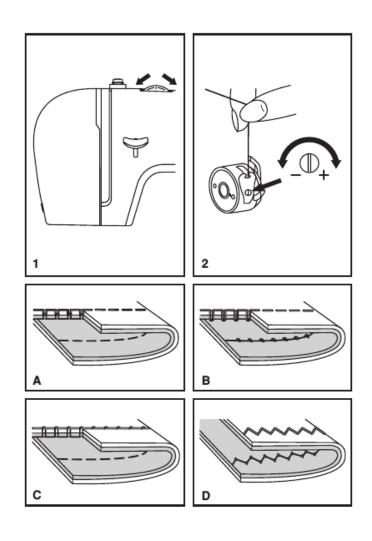


### Proverbs 16:25

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.



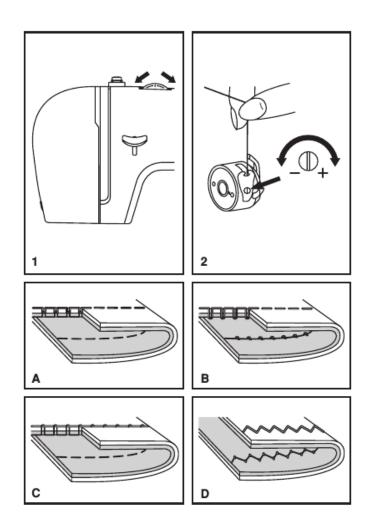
# ATTENTION: Making plans is wise, but making them without God's direction is foolish.



### James 4:15-17

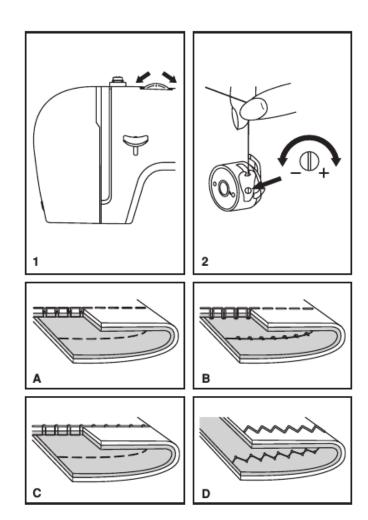
What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup>
Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil.

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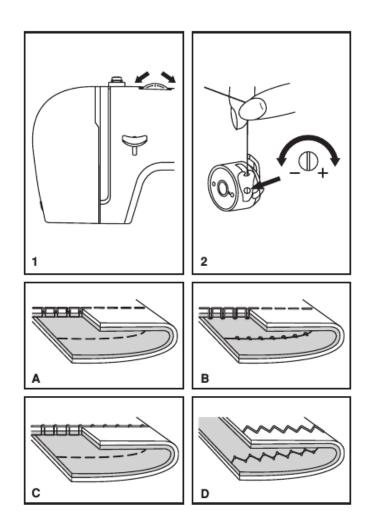


**James 4:15** 

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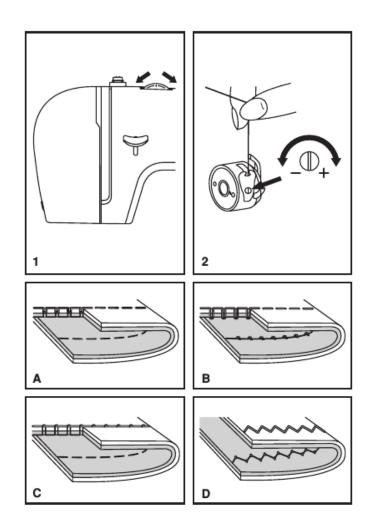


ATTENTION: It ought to be a genuine desire of our hearts.

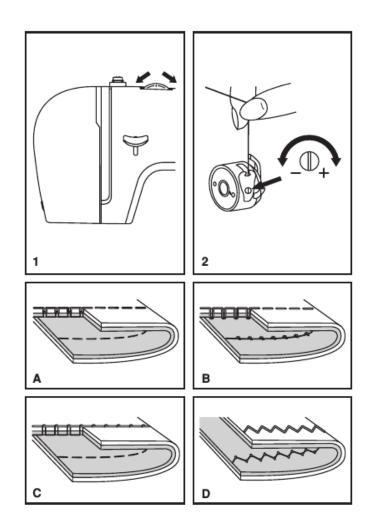


### **James 4:16**

Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans,

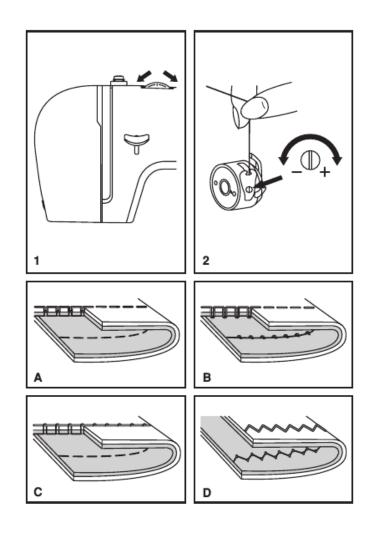


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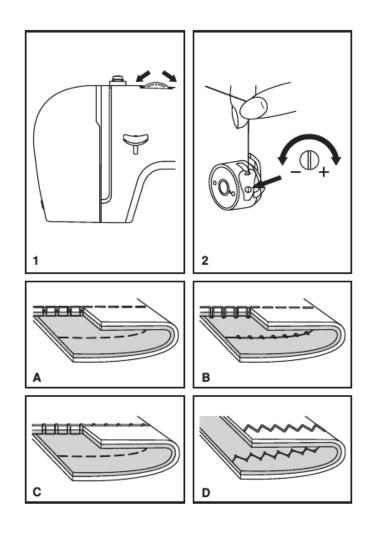


### **James 4:17**

Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

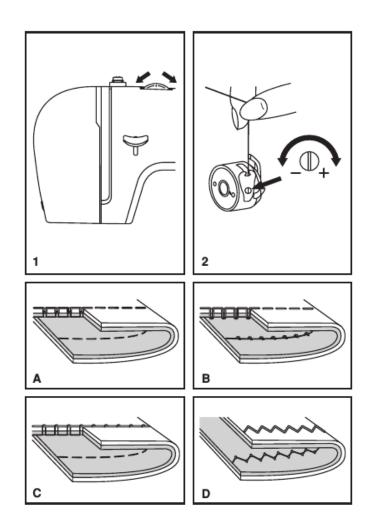


"As followers of Jesus, we should be seeking Gods perspective. Are you, like me, overwhelmed and losing perspective? We need to stop and climb the mast of the ship of faith, to see life from Gods perspective. It will change completely what we see."



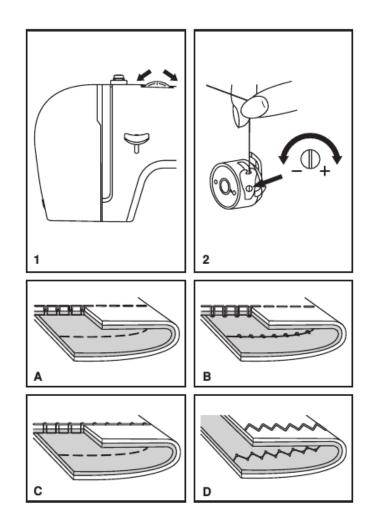
### *Matthew 6:31-33*

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.



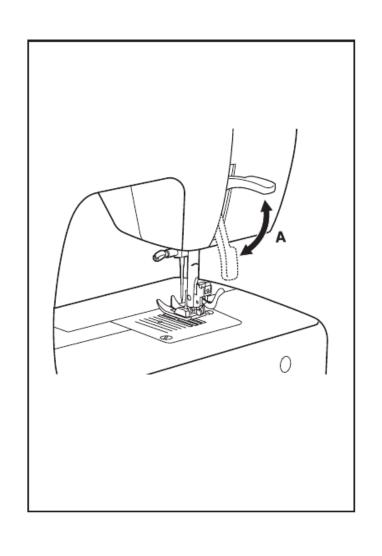
### Colossians 1:18

Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.



ATTENTION:

If Jesus isn't Lord of all then he isn't Lord at all!



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