

## Part 10: Making Plans That Matter (Proverbs 16:1-9)

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### DIVINE \_\_\_\_\_

- **Proverbs 16:1** — *To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the proper answer of the tongue.*
- **Proverbs 16:9** — *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.*
- **Proverbs 19:21** — *Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.*
- **Job 42:2** — *"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted."*

God has a plan—and it \_\_\_\_\_.

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God is fulfilling his plan—our challenge is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Ephesians 1:11** — *In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will...*
- **Proverbs 16:4** — *The LORD works out everything to its proper end—even the wicked for a day of disaster.*

### HUMAN \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY

- **Proverbs 16:2** — *All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD.*
  - We are weighed by our \_\_\_\_\_. — **Hebrews 4:12**
  - We are measured in our \_\_\_\_\_. — **Romans 12:2**
  - We are tested by our \_\_\_\_\_. — **Psalms 26:1-2**
  - We are seasoned in our \_\_\_\_\_ to his purposes.
- **Proverbs 16:3** — *Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*

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- **Ephesians 2:10** — *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*
- **Jeremiah 29:11** — *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*
- **Ephesians 3:20-21** — *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

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# Digging Deeper With Your Group and On Your Own

## INSTRUCTIONS

As you merge God's wisdom with the plans of your life, spend some time walking through these questions and additional Scripture, seeking ways to find God's wisdom in your life planning.

- **Question:** Is it wrong to make plans? Is it right to make plans? How does the Sovereignty of God fit into my life planning?
- **Question:** What does the Sovereignty of God really mean?

**Psalm 115:3** — *Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.*

- **Question:** Is it wrong to plan ahead?
  - What does **Luke 14:28** say about planning?
  - What does **James 4:13-17** say about planning?
- **Question:** Have there been times when I have made life plans and given no consideration to God's direction?

## MY HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY

Concentrate on the point made in the message:

- If God has the plan in mind, then why does it matter that I take any responsibility?

## DISCUSSION

Talk through the implications of each of these points for your life:

- We are weighed by our **ambition**. — Hebrews 4:12
- We are measured in our **alignment**. — Romans 12:2
- We are tested by our **humility**. — Psalm 26:-1-2
- We are seasoned in our **commitment** to his purposes.

— Proverbs 16:3 — *Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*

## PONDER

What do I really wish that God would do for me?

God's blessing in our lives:

- Look up **Jeremiah 29:11**. What does God want to do in and through you?
- Look up **Philippians 1:6**. What will God do for those who live out their commitments to him?
- Look up **2 Corinthians 5:7**. How do we walk through every day, even in our planning?

## FINAL CHALLENGE

Daily prayer to God is posturing myself in front of the King of the universe. Are there some verses that we have talked through today that I would like to begin using in my daily prayer life to help align myself to a greater commitment to him?