

Here is a devotional based on Proverbs 16:3:

Committed Plans, God's Hands

Scripture:

“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”

— Proverbs 16:3 (ESV)

Devotional Thought:

It's easy to get excited about a new idea, business, goal, or dream and immediately dive in. But Scripture invites us to take a different approach—one of surrender before striving.

To “commit your work to the Lord” means more than offering a quick prayer for success. The original Hebrew word for *commit* actually means “to roll over onto.” It's the image of rolling your burdens, your plans,

and your desires off of yourself and onto the capable shoulders of God.

Why? Because His perspective is eternal, His wisdom perfect, and His timing never fails.

When we genuinely surrender our goals to Him, we stop trying to control outcomes and instead begin trusting His divine process.

That may mean He refines our plans, redirects them, or even removes them altogether—so He can establish something far better.

True commitment to God is about alignment, not just ambition. It means checking our motives, filtering our plans through His Word, and remaining flexible when His answer is “not yet” or “not this way.”

The promise is powerful: when we commit our work to the Lord, He establishes our steps. Our efforts find solid ground not because we forced them to succeed, but because we gave them to the One who knows what's best.

Reflection Questions:

- Have I truly surrendered my plans to God, or am I just asking Him to bless *my* way?
- Do my goals align with Scripture and glorify God?
- Am I willing to let go if God redirects my path?

Prayer:

Lord, today I roll over my plans onto You. I surrender my ambitions, fears, and dreams into Your hands. Help me to trust Your wisdom above my own, and to walk faithfully wherever You lead. Establish my steps according to Your will. Amen.

Challenge:

Take one goal or plan today—big or small—and pray over it. Ask God if it's aligned with His will. Then write it down and surrender it completely to Him, trusting that He will establish it in His perfect time.

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