

Choosing a Path – (January 6, 2021 - Upper Room)

Read: Proverbs 16:1-9

¹ To people belong the plans of the heart, but the answer of the tongue comes from the LORD. ² All the ways of people are pure in their eyes, but the LORD tests the motives. ³ Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will succeed. ⁴ The LORD made everything for a purpose, even the wicked for an evil day. ⁵ The LORD detests all who are arrogant; they surely won't go unpunished. ⁶ Love and faithfulness reconcile guilt; the fear of the LORD turns away evil. ⁷ When people draw favor from the LORD, even their enemies are at peace with them. ⁸ Better a little with righteousness than great profits without justice. ⁹ People plan their path, but the LORD secures their steps.

Read the January 6 installment in the Upper Room

Lesson background: based on the above scripture

Source: <https://dailyverse.knowing-jesus.com/proverbs-16-1>

- This verse is **not** informing us that our decisions are of little consequence.
- It does not withhold man's responsibility for the choices he takes nor does it deny man's accountability for the actions he undertakes and the words he speaks.
- This verse is highlighting the importance for every child of God, to use our God-given free-will to choose wisely, as we seek to carry out His perfect will, in the choices we make

Daily application from this lesson:

- We should never think that our ability to plan makes us lord over our lives. It is the **Lord** who **directs** our **steps**.
- In all thoughts and plans we should include God at the forefront, even in the seemingly mundane chores of our daily activities

Reflection:

1. Do you believe God has one clear path for our lives? What if we “miss” the path?
2. How often we have formed our plans and purposes only to have them changed, mid-stream?
3. How can we make sure we are seeking God in everything?
4. Who or what helps you to find your direction when seeking your path? How can you help someone else who is feeling unsure?

Thought for the week:
How can I use my God-given talents as tools for serving God's people?

