

Victory Over Decisions

- We are called to PLAN, but the Lord controls the OUTCOME.
Proverbs 16:1,4

- We learn to plan wisely as we TRUST in the Lord.
Proverbs 16:3

- We learn to plan wisely as we reject ARROGANCE to live in HUMILITY.
Proverbs 16:5

- Though we often cannot see it, God is FAITHFUL to LEAD us.
Proverbs 16:9

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What are some forks in the road where people often look for guidance? What are some forks in your life where you needed guidance?
2. Read Proverbs 16:1. How do you understand the relationship between our plans and God's control?
3. What is more difficult for you to understand—God's sovereignty or our ability to make real, consequential choices? Why?
4. Read some of the following passages and discuss God's control over our lives and our responsibility and freedom: Proverbs 21:1, 16:33, 16:4, 21:5, 28:13; Acts 2:23, 4:27-28; Eph 1:11; Matt 7:7-11, 10:29-30; Isa 45:7-9; Deut 30:15-19; 2 Cor 5:10; 2 Pet 1:10.
5. Read Proverbs 16:2-3. How does this passage teach the opposite of what we regularly think? Thinking back about how you've grown as a Christian, how has God helped you to become wiser in planning for the future?
6. Read Proverbs 16:5-6. Why is humility important in wise planning? (see Prov 1:7; 19:20-21)
7. Read Proverbs 16:9. Thinking about your life, how can you see God's guiding hand looking backwards? Is there any area of your life where you're struggling to see God's guidance right now?

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