

Wisdom about making plans

1. Planning and thought 16:1-2

- *Our responsibility* 16:1, 9a, 14:15, 21:5, 24:27
- *Our inputs* 2:6, 15:22
- *Our motives* 16:2, 14:22, 12:20

2. Planning and surrender 16:3-4

- *The limits of our control* 27:1
- *The totality of his control* 16:4, 16:33
- *Surrender to him* 19:21, 20:24

3. Planning and action 21:31

- *Depending on God for the results*

Some Biblical Proverbs about Planning (mostly from NIV 2011)

2:6 The Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding

12:20 There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil, but joy for those who promote peace.

14:15 The simple believe anything, but the prudent give thought to their steps.

14:22 Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.

15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

16:1-4 To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the proper answer of the tongue. ²All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD. ³Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. ⁴The LORD works out everything to its proper end— even the wicked for a day of disaster.

16:9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.

19:21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

20:24 A person's steps are directed by the Lord how then can anyone understand their own way.

21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

21:31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD.

24:27 Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.

27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.