

# Choosing and Planning Wisely

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## How God guides

Trust in the Lord **with all your heart** and lean not on your own understanding; **in all your ways** submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3:5–6 NIV (KJV: "and He shall direct thy paths...")*

- God's will is **not** about finding the \_\_\_\_\_
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The plans of the righteous are just... *Proverbs 12:5a NIV*

## How do I plan wisely?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **your plan**  
We should make our plans--counting on God to direct us. *Proverbs 16:9 LB*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **plan**  
**Do not plan evil** against your neighbor, who dwells trustingly beside you.  
*Proverbs 3:29 ESV*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **your plan**  
Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.  
*Proverbs 16:3 NIV*
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **your plan**  
Plans fail for lack of counsel, but **with many advisers** they succeed.  
*Proverbs 15:22 NIV*  
**Get good advice** and you will succeed; don't go charging into battle without a plan. *Proverbs 20:18 GN*



## 5. \_\_\_\_\_ your plan

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty. *Proverbs 21:5 ESV*

### Tips for plans

- Write it down (times, deadlines, etc.)
- Include margin (for fun and unanticipated delays)
- Accept the size of your plate — and know what's on your plate

## 6. \_\_\_\_\_ your plan

The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps. *Proverbs 16:9 ESV*

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand. *Proverbs 19:21 ESV*

Ask: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Key: \_\_\_\_\_

## Daily Meditations

*During this series, we will read through the entire book of Proverbs in our daily meditation time! These devotions will be simple — just a chance for you to discover Proverbs' relevance to your life!*

### Monday

Read Proverbs 14:18–35. Remember, the Proverbs are observations about what Solomon sees happening in the world around him. Some Proverbs, like 14:20, may surprise you. This Proverb is not recommending that you shun the poor; in fact, the next verse suggests that we are blessed if we help the needy! These are observations about human nature.

Write down one verse from this section that stood out for you.

*Ask God to help you apply the wisdom you read — today!*

### Tuesday

Read Proverbs chapter 15. This chapter speaks frequently of three themes: Pride, plans, and words.

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Write down a verse from this chapter on *pride* that stood out for you.

Write down a verse from this chapter on *plans* that stood out for you.

Write down a verse from this chapter on *words* that stood out for you.

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### Wednesday

Read Proverbs 16. Like the previous chapter, this chapter speaks frequently of pride, plans, and words.

Write down a verse from this chapter on *pride* that stood out for you.

Write down a verse from this chapter on *plans* that stood out for you.

Write down a verse from this chapter on *words* that stood out for you.

*Ask God to help you apply the wisdom you read — today! Congratulations! You are more than halfway through the Book of Proverbs!*

### Thursday

Read Proverbs chapter 17. Again, this chapter is filled with so many insights! Verse 1 is interesting. Sometimes I see documentaries about famous stars, and often their lives are unhappy and full of strife. How true this verse is!

Write three of your favorite verses. How can you apply these to your life today?

*Ask God to help you apply the wisdom you read — today!*

### Friday

Read Proverbs chapter 18. This chapter has themes we haven't seen much in Proverbs so far, including unfriendliness (verse 1); justice (verses 5 and 17); diligence (verse 9). One of my favorites is verse 17. Always remember this when people come to you with their complaints or stories!

Write down three of your favorite verses. How can you apply them today?

*Ask God to help you apply the wisdom you read — today!*

### Saturday

Polish up the memory verse at the top of the page, and finish any daily meditations you may have missed. Thank you for sticking with your plan to read through the book of Proverbs!

*Please pray for the Lord to work through the lives of every single person in our church. Thank God for the blessings He pours out on you as an individual and on our congregation!*



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