

**Seek God's leading and his will. (2)**

Do not even try to avoid the most important question in your life: "What does God want me to do? What is his will?" Because God, not man, is in control.

In the Book of Proverbs, it is clearly taught that although man may have many ideas and plans, God makes the decisions. We make plans and have dreams, but in the end we can do no more and no less than what God intends. Even if we are in denial of this, God's blue print for our lives and not our ideas are implemented. Man consider, dream and plan, but it is God who decides and does according to his will and pleasure.

Listen to some of the wisdom in Proverbs about this truth:

*Prov 16:1 - To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue.*

*Prov 16:9 - In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.*

*Prov 19:21 - Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.*

*Prov 20:24 - A man's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand his own way?*

*Prov 21:30 - There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the LORD.*

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

The inspired message here is clear: God is sovereign, He is in control and it is his purpose and his plans that always in the end are fulfilled. No plan can succeed against the Lord's will.

The Book of James is well aware of this wisdom. He also reminds us that in the final instance we are not in control of our lives, only God is.

*James 4:14 - "Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."*

We do not hold the future in our hands. And we are not in charge of today. All our days are in the hands of God.

My life is not my own, because it belongs to God. God numbers my days, counts the hair on my head meaning that God takes decisions that impact on the details of my life. The fool says - today or tomorrow I am going to this or that city to do business and make money. Those with insight and wisdom will say - *"If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."*

Nobody knows if today is our last day, or tomorrow, or next week, or next month, or next year. We just don't know because our lives, its days, weeks and its years, are not in our hands. It is in the hands of God. God is in control.

Therefore, to be wise and to be safe, ask for God's will in everything you do, seek his will and his leading. Be what God intends. Stop resisting his will. And he will add his blessings to your plan and his grace to your desires.

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