



Proverbs Daily Dose of Wisdom Devotional



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All of us have to make plans or projects finish each day. We have goals to achieve in the years ahead. We even plan for our next vacation. I am sure we have all heard the old quote, “Do all that you can do and let God do the rest.” I tend to question so many of the old quotes and whether they are scripturally sound.

Verses 3 and 4 tell us to “commit to the Lord whatever you do...the Lord works out EVERYTHING for HIS own end...” Following God’s revealed purpose is the only effective way to conduct life.

Verse 6 states “Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil.” Love is the loyal love of a covenant relationship with God. Faithfulness is the belief or trust that is reliable and continuing. Atonement through love and faithfulness is the same as atonement through fearing the Lord.

The paraphrased quote mentioned above does seem to be based on verse 9 “In his heart a man plans his course; but the Lord determines his steps.” In our planning, we also need to plan our countenance. To be able to show others the peace we know because God is guiding our steps. In verse 16, the Word says, “How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver.” Verse 20 tells us “Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.” Verse 23 goes on to state “A wise man’s heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction.” Verse 24 shares that “Pleasant words are a honeycomb sweet to the soul and healing to the bone.”

So when we make our plans, continue to let God guide in our lives as well as in the influence we have on those around us.

Read chapter 16 of Proverbs today.

What verse stood out to me _____

What is God's wisdom to me _____

What can I do today to go forward with God's wisdom in my life _____

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