

Making Plans

Proverbs 16:9

Romans 8:28

How is God involved in our plans?

“The heart of man plans his way,
but the LORD establishes his steps.”
(Proverbs 16:9)

Our future is dependent on God

Romans 8:28

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Sovereignty of God

Psalm 115:3

“Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.”

Job 42:2

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”

Our future is dependent on the plans we make

Proverbs 21:5

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

Proverbs 20:18

Plans are established by counsel; by wise guidance wage war.

Human Responsibility

- ◎ It is important to plan.
- ◎ Be diligent about it.
- ◎ Get good advice.
- ◎ If you plan well, you get to enjoy the benefits.

Tension

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(Sovereignty of God)

Our future is dependent on the plans we
make
(Human Responsibility)

It is NOT “Either... Or...”

- ◎ God is able to accomplish His plans through your plans.
- ◎ You are responsible for your choices. But God is in charge of your future.

How can we hold the two together?

Some unhelpful approaches:

- ⦿ *You do your best and God will do the rest.*
- ⦿ *God helps those who help themselves.*
- ⦿ *What is God's perfect plan for my life?*

“Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and your plans will succeed.”

(Proverbs 16:3)

Summary

Your plans matter, but what matters even more than your plans is that you are fully committed to God, because God is sovereign.

Personal Commitment to God

- ◎ It is a commitment to God Himself; not what you can do for God.
- ◎ It is also a commitment to follow Him wherever He leads us – God is calling us on an adventure with Him.