

# Discovering Gods will

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MacArthur

“When a person is saved, sanctified, submissive, suffering and thankful, he is already in God’s will.”

And praying!

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(Proverbs)

16:1 We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer. NLT

The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. ESV

16:2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight but the Lord weighs (examines) the motives.

God knows the motives behind our decision making.

21:2 The Lord weighs the hearts.

# Discovering God's will

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16:3 We are to “commit our ways” (action, decisions) to the Lord, and your plans will succeed, (will be established).

**MacArthur**, “commit, Lit. “roll upon.” In the sense of both total trust and submission to the will of God.”

16:9 The mind of a man plans his way (we make our plans) but, the Lord directs our ways (steps).

**MacArthur**, “The sovereign God overrules the plans of man to fulfill His purposes.”

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*A small boat, **this is your individual life**, you make your plans, God moves the current to direct your boat to where He wants it to end up.*

*This includes young couples making their plans, dreaming about the future.*

*College students planning career, future spouse.*

*Parents planning the future for children.*

*Adults planning their retirement*

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**Isaiah 46:10b** My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure

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

“we may throw the dice, but the Lord determines how they fall.” NLT

19:21 many are the plans in a man's heart, but the counsel of the Lord, it will stand.

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“you can make many plans, but the Lords purpose will prevail.” NLT

**Vance Havner,**

“I thank God for the Unseen Hand, sometimes urging me onward, sometimes holding me back; sometimes with a caress of approval, sometimes with a stroke of reproof, sometimes correcting, sometimes comforting. My times are in His hand.”

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20:24 Man's steps are ordained by the Lord; how then can man understand his way?

“The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?” NLT

**Ryrie**, “Gods sovereignty over mans ways is beyond our full comprehension.”

**Vance Havner**, “The unseen Hand may be obscured at times by the fogs of circumstances but just because we can't see the sun on a cloudy day doesn't mean that it isn't there.”

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**Deut. 29:29** The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of the law.

21:30 there is no wisdom and no understanding and no counsel against the Lord.

“No human wisdom or understanding or plan can stand against the Lord.” NLT

21:31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord.

# Making Wise Plans

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Prov. 15:22 Without the consultation, plans are frustrated, but with many counselors they succeed.

**Example:** my uncle would seek advice from my grandfather, my dad, and other relatives before he made a business deal.

**Example:** when dealing with a tough issue call other elders, seek God's wisdom through them.

# Making wise plans

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## **Proverbs 18:1**

He who separates himself seeks his own desire, he quarrels against all sound wisdom.

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- 3:5 trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
- James 4:15 Instead, you ought to say, If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that

# Hidden Motives

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**Isaiah 29:15** woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the Lord, and whose deeds are done in a dark place, and they say, “Who sees us?” or “Who knows us?” (29:16)

What sorrow awaits those who try to hide their plans from the Lord, and do their evil deeds in the dark! “The Lord can’t see us,” they say. “He doesn’t know what’s going on!” NLT

# Hidden Motives

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Ryrie,

“They thought the Lord was not aware of their political intrigues and alliances.”

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## **Proverbs 19:3**

The foolishness of man subverts his way, and his heart rages against the Lord.

People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord.

NLT

**Ryrie**, “The foolish man blames the Lord for failures he has brought on himself.”