

My Way and God's Way: Sabbatical Reflections (Part One) from Proverbs 16:1-9

Sermon Notes

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

**2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
but the Lord weighs the spirit.**

**3 Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established.**

**4 The Lord has made everything for its purpose,
even the wicked for the day of trouble. 5 Everyone who is arrogant
in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go
unpunished.**

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

Reflection Questions

- What contrast have you seen between your plans and the answer that the Lord has given regarding your plans?
- Have you noticed a reluctance to submit your ways to the Lord in a particular area of your life? What is holding you back from allowing the Lord to weigh this in his scales? What step could you take toward the Lord in this matter?
- Are there any actions, transactions, activities, products, or properties that you need to commit to the Lord? Look back and see how he has established some of your plans in the past. What comes to mind?
- Have you discovered the Lord's purpose for your life? What has the Lord been revealing to you about your purpose? How does humility play a role in this?
- How has God been directing your steps or the pace of your steps lately?