
CBC WEEKLY RESOURCES



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Welcome to this week's spiritual nourishment as we dive deeper into our journey of faith together.
May these resources guide you and bless you richly in your walk with Christ.

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I. SERMON RECAP

In this week's sermon, Pastor Gary unpacked Proverbs 16:3, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." He emphasized the importance of committing our works to the Lord, requiring us to move beyond our own capabilities and rely on God's strength to realize His plans in our lives. Through vivid illustration, Pastor Gary conveyed how true success is trusting God with our entire being—our daily actions, dreams, and aspirations, as well as understanding that this commitment goes beyond mere New Year's resolutions.

Pastor Gary urged us to examine and establish areas in our lives that align with God's will. This involves understanding that committing to God can sometimes lead us to act before fully knowing the outcome, invoking faith and reliance on his divine intervention. Pastor Gary's message is a clarion call to shift our focus from our own abilities to God's abundant possibilities, encouraging us to trust in His plan, no matter how daunting it may seem.

As we reflect on this message, may you find peace and confidence in committing all you are and all you do to the Lord, allowing Him to establish your steps and guide you into a future designed for His glory.

Chapters:

Introduction to Proverbs 16:3

Understanding Commitment

True Success Defined

The Role of Others in our Journeys

Establishing Ourselves in Faith

Conclusion and Blessing

II. STUDY GUIDE

Key Points:

- Personal and community prayer requires balance—the emphasis is on the strength found in communal support.
- Identify your foundation in Christ, committing both small and monumental tasks to Him.
- Cultivate a worship-first posture: Begin with adoration, move to confession, embrace thanksgiving, then bring supplications.
- Develop stillness before God to gain clarity in His presence.
- Reflect on how your plans can align with God's greater vision for your life.

Key Scripture:

Proverbs 16:3 - "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." [NIV]

Genesis 29:3 - A story showing the collaboration required to move the stone for the well.

Isaiah 55:8-9 - A reminder that God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours.

Other Relevant Verses:

Psalm 37:5 - Encourages trust in the Lord.

Colossians 3:17 - Doing all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God."

Matthew 6:33 - Seek first His kingdom.

Jeremiah 29:11 - God's plans to prosper you.

Ephesians 3:20 - God's ability to do immeasurably more.

Philippians 2:13 - It is God who works in you.

Romans 12:2 - Transformation through the renewal of mind.

James 1:22 - Be doers of the word.

III. DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL

Day 1: Committing Your Whole Heart

Question: What does it mean to truly commit your ways to God?

Reading: Proverbs 16:3

Devotional: Consider what specific actions or areas of your life have been too self-reliant. Pastor Gary reminded us that committing these to God is like rolling a stone; initially difficult, but gaining momentum once placed in God's hands. Reflect on how rolling your 'stones' towards God can transform your plans.

Challenge: Start each day this week with a prayer committing your day's plans to God.

Day 2: The Wisdom of Surrender

Question: What are you holding onto that God is asking you to release?

Reading: Matthew 6:33

Devotional: Jesus taught us to seek God's kingdom first in all we do. Surrendering to God involves prioritizing His will above our own. As you meditate on this, ask yourself what tangible steps you can take towards putting God first in your decisions and lifestyle.

Challenge: Identify one area where you need to surrender control to God and act on it.

Day 3: Being Still in His Presence

Question: How often do you rest in God's presence without distraction?

Reading: Psalm 46:10

Devotional: Stillness is often the precursor to hearing God's voice clearly. In the silence, as Pastor Gary noted, we find renewal and divine direction. Make space in your day for quiet time with God, away from the noise, to truly connect and hear His plans for you.

Challenge: Dedicate 10 minutes daily this week to being still in God's presence.

Day 4: Collaborative Faith

Question: Who are your spiritual partners in lifting your burdens?

Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Devotional: Proverbs 16:3, paired with the illustration from Genesis 29, underscores the power of communal support in fulfilling God's plans. Identifying spiritual allies who can help you 'move your stone' fosters growth and shared joy in God's work.

Challenge: Reach out to a friend or mentor to explore how you can support each other's spiritual journeys.

Day 5: Walking by Faith, Not by Sight

Question: What plans do you need to step into by faith, trusting God for the outcome?

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:7

Devotional: A significant part of committing our works to God is moving forward without complete clarity, trusting that He leads us exactly where we need to be. Use today to reflect on areas where you've hesitated to step out in faith and consider how God is calling you to trust Him more deeply.

Challenge: Take a leap of faith this week in a small or big way, trusting God for the results.

IV. SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

Opening:

Welcome everyone with warmth and expectancy. Encourage love and openness in sharing. Begin with a prayer focusing on asking God to open hearts to His leading.

Sermon Recap Theme:

The importance of committing our plans to God.

Trusting in God's higher ways and timing.

Establishment through community and divine help.

Icebreaker Question:

Share a time when you planned meticulously for something, only to have it turn out differently—a humorous anecdote or learning experience.

Scripture Exploration:

Readings:

Proverbs 16:3

2 Corinthians 5:7

Psalm 37:5

Discuss how each passage highlights trust in God.

What challenges do you face in committing your plans to God?

How can we ensure our goals align with God's kingdom?

What role does community play in fulfilling your plans?

Why is stillness before God essential?

How do these passages encourage patience and reliance on God?

Takeaway Prompts:

Compare the difference between your plans and God's timetable.

How does community influence your spiritual commitments?

Reflect on what steps you are taking to deepen your trust in God.

Application:

Discuss practical ways to balance personal and community prayer. Create a plan to regularly commit works and seek God's will as a group.

Closing:

Share prayer needs, emphasizing thanksgiving and seeking God's view in our plans. Close in prayer, asking for guidance and a willing heart to trust God.

Leader Notes:

Encourage strong group participation by inviting quieter members to share.

Foster an atmosphere of acceptance and confidentiality.

Gently guide discussions back to Scripture if they become too far afield. Be sensitive to individual prayer needs and listen actively.