Title: Deciding Who You Will Be

Text: Romans 12:1-8 ESV

## **READ Romans 12:1-8**

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think..." (Rom 12:2 NLT).

Proverbs 16:9 says it this way: "The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."

God's Plans Are Established.

"Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven" (Ps 119:89 NASB).

"...If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? ... Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar ..."

(Rom 3:3-4 NASB).

We <u>Decide</u> What <u>Part</u> We Want to Play in His Plan.

"The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born" (Matt 26:24 NASB).

## **HOW CAN WE GET BACK ON TRACK?**

I. **BELIEVE** WHAT GOD CAN DO.

"...the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' They said to Him, 'Yes, Lord.' Then He touched their eyes, saying, 'It shall be done to you according to your faith.' And their eyes were opened..." (Matt 9:28-30 NASB).

## 2. MAKE YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE THE MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY OF ALL.

"I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless...when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Phil 3:7-8).

"... He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your <u>primary concern</u>" (Matt 6:33).

## 3. YOUR JOY IS IN YOUR PROGRESS.

"... I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus... I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:12-14 NASB).