

# Goals for God

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Proverbs 16



*“Blessed are the flexible –  
they shall not be broken!”*  
NOT A REAL BEATITUDE!





16:1 The plans of the heart belong to  
man,  
But the answer of the tongue is from  
the LORD.



Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.  
Col 3:15





# Plans - 16:1

- Plans of man – may be submissive or not!
- Heart of man – who is he listening to?
- Garden of Gethsemane – ‘let this cup pass...
- **Don't wish only for yourself!**
- **Don't wish against the will of God!**



***“For man proposes, but God disposes!”***

Thomas a Kempis

*“Homo proponit, sed Deus disponit”*

(if you wanted it in Latin)





16:2 All the ways of a man are clean  
in his own sight,  
But the LORD weighs the motives.



Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
And do not lean on your own  
understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will make your paths straight.  
Prov 3:5,6





# Private - 16:2

- Privacy is never secret from the Lord!
- We justify ourselves – is it just?
- 4 question quiz – ‘am I doing right?’
- **The question is not ‘is it right?’ or ‘is it easy?’**
- **The question is: ‘is this the path of the LORD?’**



*“Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties.”*

C.S. Lewis





16:3 Commit your works to the LORD  
And your plans will be established.



16:4 The LORD has made everything  
for its own purpose,  
Even the wicked for the day of evil.





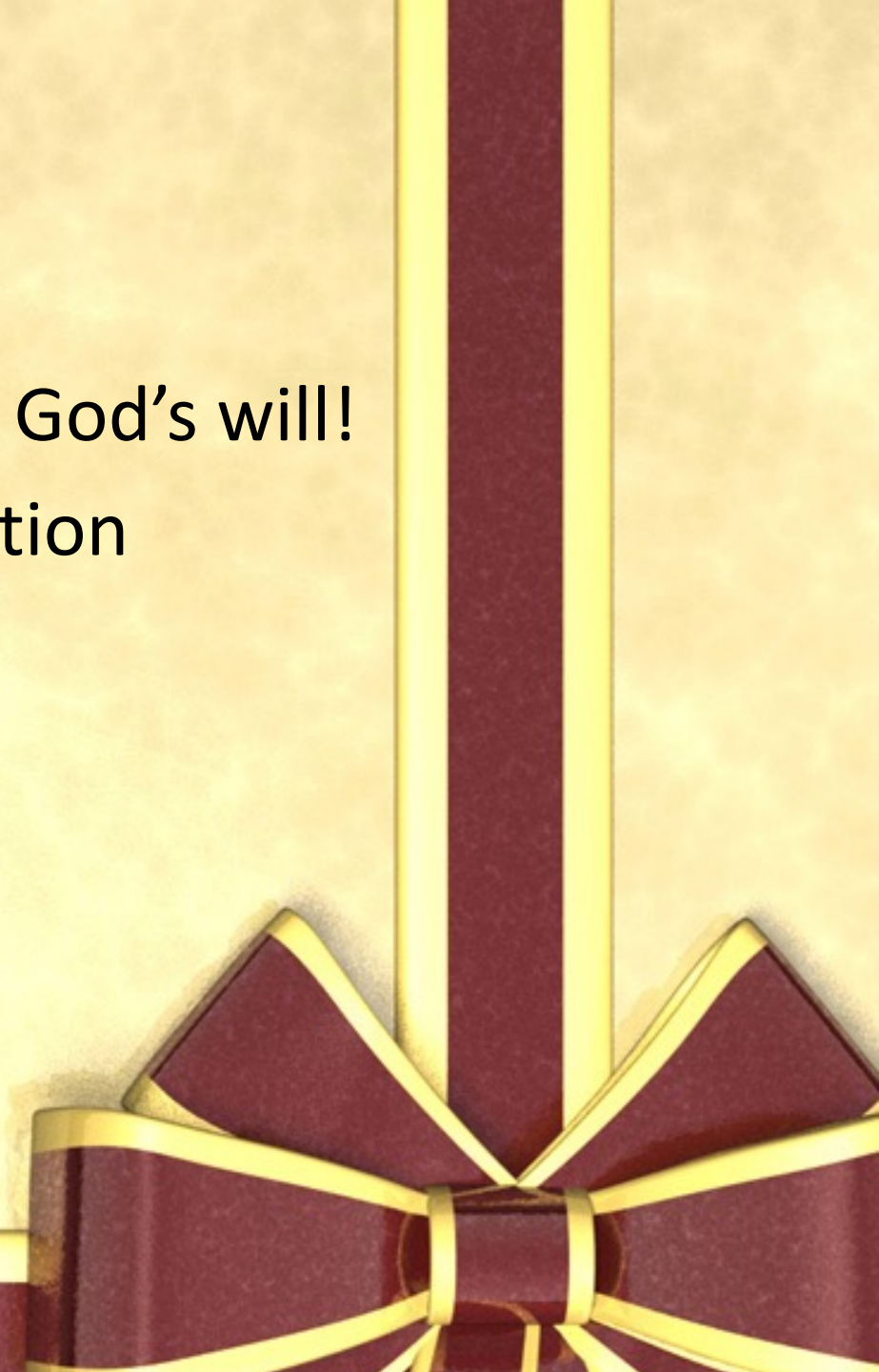
Joseph – Gen 50:20

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14



# Purpose - 16:3,4

- Commit to God's will – you will be doing God's will!
- God is good! He alone provides redemption
- God is just! He alone is right to judge
- **Trust and Obey!**
- **NOT 'seeing is believing'**
- **Believing is seeing!**





*“It may not be good now – it may not even be good in my lifetime – but I know He is good – all the time!”*



*"The one who plants trees,  
knowing that he will never sit in  
their shade, has at least started to  
understand the meaning of life"*





16:5 Everyone who is proud in heart is  
an abomination to the LORD;  
Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.



“But He gives a greater grace.  
Therefore it says, ‘GOD IS OPPOSED  
TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO  
THE HUMBLE.’” James 4:6





# Proud - 16:5

- Why is pride such an 'abomination'?
- Giving credit is worship
- Taking credit is stolen glory – pride
- **Pride is self boasting of God given gifts**
- **Pride can also be accepting praise due God**



*“Pride comes by looking at ourselves -  
meekness comes through looking at  
God”*

Billy Graham





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“And there is salvation in no one else;  
for there is no other name under  
heaven that has been given among  
men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12



# Provision - 16:6

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- By God's revealed truth – 'faith comes by...'
- Man's sin may be 'atoned' – Yom Kippur
- Man's sin may be overcome! 1 John 4:4





Eph 2:8,9

For we are His workmanship, created  
in Christ Jesus for good works, which  
God prepared beforehand so that we  
would walk in them. Eph 2:10



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- **By grace we are saved through faith...**
- **By grace we are His workmanship...**





*“For pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or contentment, or even common sense.”*

C. S. Lewis

**We must – at all costs - see that all glory is given to Christ – our Savior!**



WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY?  
THE LORD OF HOSTS,  
HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.

Psalm 24:10

