



Ingleside Notes

The Deck is Stacked: A Wise Perspective About Life and Making Plans

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“Wisdom is when we outgrow our misconceptions about how life should work, and we learn how God actually built life to work and work well.” -Ray Ortlund

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:7, ESV)

God-fearing _____ leads to God-given _____.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:5, ESV)

Wisdom is both a _____ and a _____.

1. God is in _____ of everything.

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

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

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

(Proverbs 16:1-3, ESV)

Mortals make elaborate plans, but God has the last word.
(Proverbs 16:1, The Message)

A wise person makes plans with _____, understanding
that God is sovereign.

¹³Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go
into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade
and make a profit"—¹⁴yet you do not know what tomorrow
will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears
for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead you ought to
say, "***If the Lord wills***, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶As it
is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.
¹⁷So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it,
for him it is sin. (James 4:13-17, ESV)

A proper understanding of God's sovereignty leads to our
_____ to God.

2. God will always accomplish his _____.

⁴The LORD has made everything for its purpose,
even the wicked for the day of trouble.

⁵Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the
LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished.

(Proverbs 16:4-5, ESV)

^{9b}“...for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, ¹⁰declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' ¹¹calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.”
(Isaiah 49:9b-11, ESV)

3. God's purposes are for our _____ and His _____.

⁶By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for,
and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil.

⁷When a man's ways please the LORD,
he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

⁸Better is a little with righteousness
than great revenues with injustice.

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

(Proverbs 16:6-9, ESV)

Wisdom: Following Jesus as the Lord of your life.

_____ : Trying to be the lord of your own life.

A Prayer for Wisdom

Dear God,

I need you. I need the wisdom that only comes from you. I humbly submit to you as Lord over every detail of my life and every decision that may come my way.

Help me follow Jesus with my whole heart, help me submit to you in everything I do, and help me live for your glory above all else. I want to live my life for you and your purposes in this world. Please give me your wisdom, for your glory and for my good.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen.