

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD DECISION MAKING

Intro:

- A. Text: Proverbs 16:3
- B. “Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established.” KJV
- C. Some other translations render the word thoughts as plans.
- D. Either way, this passage is extremely insightful.
- E. Some understand this passage to mean, if you commit your works to the Lord then he will bless your plans and make them a success. Certainly, there is truth in this explanation.
- F. Another view would suggest the idea that if you commit your works to the Lord then you will become convinced of its effectiveness and correctness. Even the writer of Proverbs would echo this sentiment in Ecclesiastes 12:13, “Hear the conclusion of the matter, fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man.” Our loving God will lead us in what is good. (See also Eccl. 3:12)
- G. The concept of this verse by our way of thinking seems to be backward.
- H. We are creatures that believe in having plans or thoughts and working towards accomplishing those. God says experience my truth and you will be convinced. He has challenged man in the past to take his word on this.

- 1. Malachi 3:10
- 2. II Cor. 9:6-9
- 3. Romans 8:28

- I. Unfortunately, human beings often want to buck against this plan of God. Today, let’s explore how man’s thinking interferes ultimately with his joy, contentment and peace of mind.

* We make our plans to have wealth and success

- * We work hard for it.
- * It becomes our focus.
- * Eccl. 5:10
- * I Tim. 6:6-10, 17

* We make our plans to seek pleasure (happiness). Not to withhold anything that excites us.

- * Eccl. 2:1
- * Matt. 5 reveals what brings true joy and happiness.

* We make our plans to find relevance and be popular

- * I Thess. 2:4, Gal.1:10, Romans 12:1-2, John 12:42-43

Conclusion:

If you want to develop faith and have that faith be unwavering (resolved), then commit your works to the Lord.