



MAN PLANS - GOD DETERMINES

Prov 16:9 NIV

*IN HIS HEART A **MAN PLANS** HIS COURSE, BUT **THE LORD DETERMINES** HIS STEPS.*

Have you noticed that our life doesn't always go the way we planned? How many have planned far enough ahead to set in mind all the pleasurable Trips, Vehicles, Houses, Relaxing Experiences that the world offers, in a State called "Retirement"? After all, the Bible tells us that we are to enjoy the Fruit of Our Labor. But, then just at the time you focus on all those great plans becoming a reality, all hell hits. Now before you get too upset and angry at God, the government, and the rest of the world for the market decline or your company downsizing (**YOU**), I want you to stop and think about the last part of Prov. 16:9. "**but the Lord determines his steps.**" Human plans are in the mind of man. Human steps are determined by God. We are all given Free Will by our Creator God. But, far too often man is caught in a "Mind Trap". That's much more serious than a "Mine Field" in combat! As humans, we have a tendency to make our plans without consulting our Creator, concerning His plans for us. Yes, we may have the gift of Free Will, but we cannot be at peace outside His Will. So God determines the steps we take after our plans have crumbled before our very eyes. That's a God of Love! "**For God So Loved.**" Ok, so what's next? What's next is what should have already taken place. Ask God and confess you're not as brilliant as you thought you were. That won't be easy. Guess we should have asked God in the first place - Huh? Ok, we're through blaming and beating up on ourselves, what now? Listen for God to reveal the direction you ignored during your self brilliance campaign.

Your next step in your final walk in this life, is to acknowledge your God given ability to take a step of Faith in your new found Freedom. Wait a minute! Where did that come from? We have just recognized that all our earthly end of life plans have evaporated in our own "Mind Field of Independent Planning". Where did this New Freedom come from? It came from the burning ash heap of our ignorance and arrogance. Actually, it's not a new freedom. It's God's Original Plan for our life revealed once again. All **YOUR** plans are gone. Nothing holding you back now. Take your **Renewed God Planned Step of Freedom**. Be wise and follow it for the short time you have left on earth.

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