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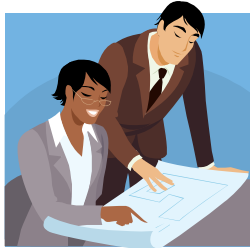


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SUCCESSFUL PLANS

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I believe the reason why we are encouraged in Proverbs 16:1 to acknowledge the Lord's wisdom in our planning is because it guarantees the success of our plans. The glitch is hearing that wisdom if it means our plans must be altered or even abandoned for another set of plans. That challenges us as we often think we know what we want to achieve and we think we know what's best for our life. When we plan and say we include God's wisdom yet things do not work out, then it's an indicator something is awry. God never makes mistakes so it's not that His wisdom is faulty. That means our plan was faulty.



To correct that problem, we read in Proverbs 16:3, "Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed." It is imperative we align our goals and plans with the will of the Lord for our life. He cannot put His stamp of approval on something that does not fit us within His kingdom plan for our life. I know that is sometimes a hard pill to swallow. I have climbed that mountain many times in life. In my mind, my goal and plan to achieve it seemed reasonable and worthy. Nevertheless, His ways are not our ways and He sees the big picture from now through eternity. It is not His desire to make us sad or disappointed. When we conclude He knows what's best for me, then it is much easier to submit to His will. This way as He speaks to our heart we do not block His voice or mistake His voice for our ambitious desire.

Ideally, we all want to be successful and established in life. To achieve that then change your approach so it aligns with the word.

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