

# Proverbs 16:1-9 "Knowing That God is With You"

16:1 The plans of the heart belong to man,

Man can make his plans  
but the "yes or no" of their  
success is up to God...

But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight,

and here is why...  
God weighs the "spirits" or motives  
as to whether they are "clean"

But the LORD weighs the motives.

So...

3 Commit your works to the LORD

lit. "roll your works onto the Lord"  
- commit your works to the glory  
of God - A theocentric life.

And your plans will be established.

4 The LORD has made everything for its own purpose,

Even the wicked for the day of evil. even evil will glorify God (Genesis 50:20)

5 Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord;

Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

"a friend of the world is an enemy of God"  
.. an evil heart will not know the blessing  
of God..

6 By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for,

And by the fear of the LORD one keeps away from evil.

God's lovingkindness meets man's truth

What is man's solution?  
To be reconciled to God  
and obedience to God..

And...

7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD,

He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

God puts His hand of blessing  
on His faithful...

And....

8 Better is a little with righteousness

Than great income with injustice.

...The blessing of God  
exceeds all the  
false and deceitful  
measures of sin

9 The mind of man plans his way,

But the LORD directs his steps.

Thus God assumes  
full responsibility  
to guide the faithful life