
PASTOR'S NOTES – 9. 3. 2016

WISE LIFE:

The Legacy of Responsibility as Christ's Body **Proverbs 16**



*"A man's ways seem right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the motives."
Prov. 27:17*

OUR VISION FOR ABC:

***TO BE THRIVING MULTIPLYING, JOYFILLED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST –
GROWING DEEPER IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD.***

THE MAIN POINT: Our increasing awareness of God's freedom to fulfill His intentions can and should move us to bring our intentions into alignment with God's. Our greatest responsibility, then, is not to try harder or do more but to listen more intently and to depend upon His Grace more absolutely.

WISDOM FOR THE STEWARD OF GOD'S RESOURCES **A GRATEFUL HEART PRODUCES A FAITHFUL AND RESPONSIBLE RESPONSE**

1. The #1 responsibility of the Body of Christ is to understand the will or intentions of God.

- not to try harder to please God
- not to do more

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS – MATT. 25: 14 - 30

2. There is a continual emphasis and reminder that relationship is priority.

The Lord's favor vv. 2, 5, 7, 12, 13, 14...

The Lord's activity in our lives vv. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11...

The Lord's determination vv. 3, 4, 9, 10...

3. God's sovereignty and man's will work side by side. vv. 1, 3, 4...

**IT DOES NOT SEEM TO ME THAT THE SAGES OF OLD TESTAMENT
ISRAEL WERE INTERESTED IN ENGAGING IN AN ARGUMENT
BETWEEN GOD'S FREEDOM AND MAN'S FREEDOM TO ACT.**

NOTES ON RESPONSIBILITY, FREEDOM AND LEGACY:

**DO YOU TAKE PEOPLE OR PARTS OF YOUR LIFE FOR GRANTED? IN
WHAT WAY COULD YOU ADD GRATITUDE TO YOUR SPEECH AND
CONDUCT?**

WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT GOD HERE?

WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS FOUND HERE?

**WHERE DO YOU FIND SALVATION, GRACE AND MERCY IN THE
PASSAGE FROM PROVERBS 16?**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER IN DNA AND IN YOUR OWN STUDY:

1. **WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A WISE PERSON IN THE
FAMILY OF GOD? HOW DOES THIS FREE YOUR MIND & HEART?**

2. **WHAT DISCIPLINES DO YOU DESIRE IN YOUR LIFE TO HELP YOU
HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THE INTENTIONS OF GOD BETTER?**

3. **HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FREE WILL AND GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OR
FREEDOM TO ACT OUT HIS INTENTIONS COMING TOGETHER?**

4. **DO YOU SEE CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY DIFFERENTLY TODAY?
IN WHAT WAY IF ANY?**
