



Directional Essentials
Proverbs 16:9
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“I have never been lost a day in my life; however, I have been bewildered once for three days and three nights.”

Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV) A man’s heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

Proverbs 16:9 (ESV) The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

Proverbs 16:9 (The Message) We plan the way we want to live, but only GOD makes us able to live it.

God’s plan and direction for life’s decisions:

- I. Admit You Need God’s Direction

Proverbs 16:9a (NKJV) A man’s heart plans his way...

- II. Ask for God’s Direction

Proverbs 16:9b (NKJV) ...but the LORD directs his steps.

Three ways God speaks and gives us direction:

1. By using biblical counsel

Takeaway:

The Bible isn’t just a “good book,” it is our “guidebook.”

2. By talking with wise people

Proverbs 15:22 (ESV) Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 23:9 (NKJV) Do not speak in the hearing of a fool, for he will despise the wisdom of your words.

Proverbs 26:4 (NKJV) Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him.

3. By spiritual prompting

*John 16:13 (ESV) When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, **and he will declare to you the things that are to come.***