

PROVERBS

- Proverbs are not _____ → They describe the way life *usually* works, not how it *always* works, *must* work, or *will* work
- Proverbs are not _____ → While many of the proverbs are generally true, they are not *always* so
- Proverbs are designed to _____ a response → To make us think and act, reflect and respond
- Proverbs are _____ for everyday life → They're written to help shape *godly character* and *navigate life*

GOD'S WILL AND OUR PLANS

PROVERBS 16:1-3, NLT

"We can make our own plans, but the Lord gives the right answer. People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives. Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed."

PROVERBS 16:9, NLT

"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."

PROVERBS 16:33, NLT

"We may throw the dice, but the Lord determines how they fall."

WALKING IN THE WILL OF GOD

THE WILL OF GOD...

"Jesus spoke to the people [once more] and said, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.'" JOHN 8:12, NLT

"When we're following Christ, we're walking in the will of God."

"God wants us to know His will more than we want to know it; therefore he does whatever it takes to help us discover it."

Without interfering with our freewill...

- God can get us exactly where He wants us to be
- God can arrange experiences years in advance
- God can open doors that seem shut tight and shut doors that seem wide open
- God can remove obstacles that stand in our way and He can create opportunities that show us the way
- God can take our choices and fit them into His plan so that we can end up at the right place at the right time
- God can even take our mistakes and bring good out of them
- And so much more...because He is God and He is sovereign

OUR WALK...

PROVERBS 3:5-6, NLT

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

1. _____ to know God – **press in** through prayer, study, worship, service, and giving

"What you hold back on holds you back."

"God has enough trouble getting us to do his will, without making it hard to find." Jerry Sittser

2. _____ God – **believe** His Word and His way is best

"The life of faith means living with uncertainty even in the midst of doing God's will."

3. _____ in faith – **stay in step** with Jesus day by day

"If you truly want to do God's will, you will do it."

ASSIGNMENT

Read Proverbs 17. Email george@faithpointchurch.org and share in a few words what spoke to you and why.