

## **WORK, CALLING, GUIDANCE, THE WAY AHEAD**

**Proverbs 18.16** – A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men.

**Galatians 6.4** - But let every person carefully scrutinize and examine and test his own conduct and his own work. He can then have the personal satisfaction and joy of doing something commendable in itself alone] without [resorting to] boastful comparison with his neighbour.

**Ecclesiastes 9.10** - Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.

**Proverbs 12.11** - He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.

**Proverbs 14.23** - All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty

**Proverbs 21.5** - The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. (NIV). Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty (NLT)

**2 Chronicles 15:7** - "But you, be strong and do not lose courage, for there is reward for your work."

**Luke 12.29-31** - And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well

**Luke 12.48** - From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

**Matthew 25.28-29** - " 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.

**Psalms 37:23** - If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm.

**Psalms 85:13** - Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

**Proverbs 14:15** - A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thought to his steps.

**Proverbs 16:9** - In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

**Proverbs 20:24** - A man's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand his own way?

**Jeremiah 10.23** - I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.

**1 Thessalonians 5:24** - The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

**Ecclesiastes 11.4-6** - He who observes the wind [and waits for all conditions to be favorable] will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap. As you know not what is the way of the wind, or how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a pregnant woman, even so you know not the work of God, Who does all. In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening withhold not your hands, for you know not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

**Psalms 37.23-26** - If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.

**2 Corinthians 9:8 (Amp)** - And God is able to make all grace (every favour and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

**2 Corinthians 9.8, 10 (NIV)** - And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work... Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

**Philippians 4.19** - And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10** - However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

**Isaiah 64.4-5:** Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways.

**1 Chronicles 4.9-10:** Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

**Galatians 6.7-10** - Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

**Isaiah 30.18** - Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

**Isaiah 30.18 (AMPLIFIED)** - And therefore the Lord [earnestly] waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who [earnestly] wait for Him, who expect and look and long for Him [for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship]

**Ephesians 2.10** – For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Deuteronomy 8.8** - But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

**3 John 1.2 (AMPLIFIED)** - I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.

**Ephesians 3.20** - Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

**Ephesians 3.20 (AMPLIFIED)** - Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]

**Deuteronomy 6.10** When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

**Psalms 1** - Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.