

# WISDOM

## CHEAT SHEETS

**This selection from the Book of Proverbs explores the themes of planning and praying. You will notice these two related themes rely on the one truth - there is a God who made the world, and who is sovereign over it, and sustainer of it. Our plans are subordinate to his plans, our prayers are dependent on his authority.**

### **God's Sovereignty vs. Human plans**

16:1 To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the proper answer of the tongue.

16:2 All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.

16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.

16:7 When the Lord takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make peace with them.

16:9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

19:21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

20:24 A person's steps are directed by the Lord. How then can anyone understand their own way?

21:1 In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him

20:12 Ears that hear and eyes that see— the Lord has made them both.

21:30 There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.

21:31 The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.

22:2 Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all.

### **Prayer and plans**

16:3 Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

15: 8 The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.

15:29 The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayer of the righteous.

28:9 If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their prayers are detestable.

28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

### **The shape of wise plans**

12:5 The plans of the righteous are just, but the advice of the wicked is deceitful.

14:22 Do not those who plot evil go astray? But those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness.

15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed.

20:18. Plans are established by seeking advice; so if you wage war, obtain guidance.

21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

27:1 Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

30:25 Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer

### **The shape of foolish plans**

16: 27 A scoundrel plots evil, and on their lips it is like a scorching fire.

16:30 Whoever winks with their eye is plotting perversity; whoever purses their lips is bent on evil.

21:6 A fortune made by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapour and a deadly snare.