

## SCC MEN'S SATURDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

November 29, 2025 7:30 AM – Proverbs 16

Proverbs 16 is distinctive for its strong emphasis on God's sovereignty over human plans, the importance of humility and righteousness, and the moral weight of motives and actions. This chapter highlights that while people make plans, *the* Lord ultimately directs outcomes (vv. 1, 9, 33). It stresses that motives matter more than appearances. God weighs the heart even when actions seem pure (v. 2). A key theme is the *call to* commit work to the Lord (v. 3), and the reminder that pride leads to downfall while humility brings favor (vv. 5, 18–19). Proverbs 16 also underscores the value of righteousness over wealth (v. 8), the peace God grants when one's ways please him (v. 7), and the seriousness of justice in leadership (vv. 10–15).

### What's There? - Searching the Scriptures

#### I. God's Sovereignty in Human Plans (Proverbs 16:1–9)

- A. Verses 1-4 and 9 address the making of plans. What does it mean to “commit your works to the Lord” and find success in them? Are there any principles we should follow?
  
- B. How can our thankfulness and gratitude increase if we fully believe verse 9?
  
- C. Share about a time when you believe your plans were redirected by God's providence.

#### II. Motives, Pride, and Humility (Proverbs 16:2–7, 18–19)

- E. Verses 2, 5, 18-19 address the subject of motives. What do we learn here?
  
- F. According to verses 18-19, what happens to the proud? How can we recognize and guard against pride in our own lives?

#### III. Righteousness and Justice in Leadership (Proverbs 16:10–15)

- G. These six verses are all about kings (and leaders). What is the overall wisdom to us as we relate to leaders and serve in leadership roles?

#### IV. Wisdom, Discipline, and Legacy (Proverbs 16:16–33)

- H. Verse 16 says “wisdom is better than gold” How does this section illustrate this point?

### So What & What Now? - Applying the Scriptures

What is your favorite Proverb in chapter 16?

How do you plan to seek wisdom and understanding this week as a result of this study?

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