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Just Do Something

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Proverbs 11:3 (ESV)

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them.



Proverbs 12:5 (ESV)

The thoughts of the righteous are just; the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.



Proverbs 15:22 (ESV)

Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.



Proverbs 27:1 (ESV)

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



Proverbs 21:5 (ESV)

The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.



Proverbs 16:1-3, 9, 30, 33 (ESV)

The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. ² All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. ³ Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

⁹ The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.



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³⁰ Whoever winks his eyes plans dishonest things; he who purses his lips brings evil to pass. ³³ The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.



God's Will

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God's Will

- God's will of decree
- God's will of desire



Deuteronomy 29:29 (ESV)

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.



God's Will

- God's will of decree
- God's will of desire
- God's will of direction?



“Conventional understanding of God’s will defines it as a specific pathway we should follow into the future. God knows what this pathway is, and he has laid it out for us to follow. Our responsibility is to discover this pathway [by pathway he’s referring to what DeYoung calls “will of direction”] – God’s plan for our lives.

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We must discover which of the many pathways we could follow is the one we should follow, the one God has planned for us. If and when we make the right choice, we will receive his favor, fulfill our divine destiny and succeed in life...If we choose rightly, we will experience his blessing and achieve success and happiness. If we choose wrongly,

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we may lose our way, miss God's will for our lives, and remain lost forever in an incomprehensible maze."

-Gerald Sittser

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**Seek King Jesus and trust him to
rightly manage his kingdom.**

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God’s superseding purpose.”**

–Tremper Longman

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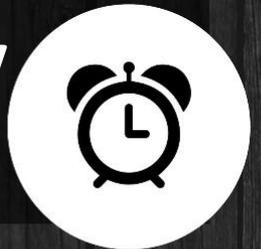
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- **Run the decision through a series of key questions.**



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- **As you give yourself to the pattern of Romans 12, make a decision and humbly go for it.**
- **Reject worry about the future for the God of the future will use all things for good.**



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