

ETH WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

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Next Steps

Making big decisions is really hard. Making decisions that require our time, our finances, and our energy can make us feel absolutely overwhelmed. As internal and external pressures build, we can begin to feel desperate. Unfortunately, that is when we either tend to make poor decisions, or don't make *any* plans in fear of making the wrong choice.

When Christians are struggling to make decisions, they might ask themselves, "What does God want me to do?" Or, "Should I do this activity or should I spend my time doing that one?"

As Christians, we can have peace in making plans for our today and our tomorrows, knowing that if it doesn't go against the truth and principles found in God's Word, then we can move forward! So go ahead, make those plans, and dream about your amazing ideas. God has given you such a unique and creative mind to allow you to do the things he has gifted you to do.

As you determine what those plans are and as you keep your heart and mind open to the Lord, you can move forward in confidence, knowing that He will determine your steps. He has given you a mind to choose between right and wrong. He has given you a heart to know what is good. He has given you a soul to crave fellowship with Him. He loves you too much to want you to travel too far from Him. This is why God will determine your steps.

Proverbs 16:9

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps."

PRAYER

"Lord, make me strong and courageous in every new undertaking and every next step. Let me not be afraid or discouraged, knowing that as You were with Joshua so you will be with me wherever I go." (Joshua 1:9) In Jesus' name, I pray.
Amen.