

Proverbs 16:1-9 New International Version (NIV)

**16** To humans belong the plans of the heart,  
but from the LORD comes the proper answer of the tongue.

<sup>2</sup>All a person's ways seem pure to them,  
but motives are weighed by the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>Commit to the LORD whatever you do,  
and he will establish your plans.

<sup>4</sup>The LORD works out everything to its proper end—  
even the wicked for a day of disaster.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD detests all the proud of heart.  
Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.

<sup>6</sup>Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for;  
through the fear of the LORD evil is avoided.

<sup>7</sup>When the LORD takes pleasure in anyone's way,  
he causes their enemies to make peace with them.

<sup>8</sup>Better a little with righteousness  
than much gain with injustice.

<sup>9</sup>In their hearts humans plan their course,  
but the LORD establishes their steps.