
First Baptist Dyersburg • Sermon Notes

The Lord Determines Our Steps

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⁴ “LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be.

Remind me that my days are numbered—
how fleeting my life is.

⁵ You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand.

My entire lifetime is just a moment to you;
at best, each of us is but a breath.” (Psalm 39:4-5, NLT)

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12, NIV)

You can make many plans, but the LORD’s purpose will prevail.
(Proverbs 19:21, NLT)

We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps. (Proverbs 16:9, NLT)

Psalm 16

A psalm of David.

¹ Keep me safe, O God,
for I have come to you for refuge.

² I said to the LORD, “You are my Master!
Every good thing I have comes from you.”

³ The godly people in the land
are my true heroes!
I take pleasure in them!

⁴ Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.
I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood
or even speak the names of their gods.

⁵ LORD, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing.
You guard all that is mine.

⁶ The land you have given me is a pleasant land.
What a wonderful inheritance!

⁷ I will bless the LORD who guides me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I know the LORD is always with me.
I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

⁹ No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.

My body rests in safety.

¹⁰ For you will not leave my soul among the dead
or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.

¹¹ You will show me the way of life,
granting me the joy of your presence
and the pleasures of living with you forever.

⁵ LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. (Psalm 16:5-6, NIV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (Proverbs 3:5-6, NLT)

**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me
and know my anxious thoughts. Point out
anything in me that offends you, and lead me
along the path of everlasting life.**

(Psalms 139:23-24, NLT)