



The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

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

(12:15, 15:22)



. . .don't be too swift to mete out judgment and death; there may yet be a part Gollum has to play.





There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

(16:25)



...the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

(9:10)



The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,

but the LORD weighs the spirit. . . .

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

(16:1-2, 9)



David Tennant in Hamlet

There is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will.





Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

(19:21)



Blaise Pascal

God instituted prayer in order to lend to His creatures the dignity of causality.





The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.

(16:4)



Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

(Acts 2:22-23)



Human beings form, the LORD performs; they devise, he verifies; they formulate, he validates; they propose, he disposes.
They design what they will say and do, but the LORD decrees what will endure and form part of his eternal purposes.

Bruce Waltke



Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

(16:3)



If God is a father, let's treat him as a father, not a bureaucrat or dictator who wouldn't want to be bothered with our trivial concerns

N.T. Wright



And God? What of Him? 'I am with thee,' He had said. With me in this? He had allowed Pedro to die, or— and I could not then nor can I today deny the possibility— He had perhaps caused me to destroy him. And does He now, I asked myself there at the graveside, ask me to worship Him?



Now in the clear light of day, I see that Jesus, if he was merely my accomplice, had betrayed me. If, on the other hand, he was God, he had freed me. For God is God, and if he is God, He is worthy of my worship and my service, and I will find rest nowhere but in His will, and that will is infinitely, immeasurably, unspeakably, beyond my largest notion of what He is up to.

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