

Day 4 - All In Devotion

Another instance in the Scriptures that uses the word “commit” with the meaning of rolling something away from yourself and to another is in Proverbs 16:3. It reads: Commit your works unto the Lord and your thoughts will be established. Ah! So it’s not just the undesirable things that the Lord wants us to commit to Him. He wants us to commit the good things that we intend to do as well. In this verse, the word “works” means any deed, act of labor or work, business or pursuit, undertaking or enterprise. The Lord is asking us to roll these to Him also. Why? Our first answer is actually in verse 2. It reads in the NLT, “People may be pure in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their motives.” You’ve probably heard that when it comes to a person taking on a project, walking in their purpose or fulfilling their dreams they should have a strong “why.” Why? Because “why” is the motive or reason for doing a certain thing. And when something comes along to deter or distract, the “why” will keep one grounded and focused. It will also help a person make right decisions along the way. The verse noted above lets us know that the Lord wants us to roll our good intentions to Him so that HE CAN EXAMINE OUR WHY. As this verse also notes, we might think we have pure motives, but only the Lord REALLY knows!

The second reason why the Lord wants us to commit our good, intentions or plans to Him, is found in verse 3. He wants to “establish” our thoughts. Any plans that we have in regards to our work, business or pursuits, the Lord wants to cause them to succeed. That’s great! But wait, it gets better! The phrase “shall be established” comes from the Hebrew word kun (pronounced koon), and it means to be firm, fixed, directed aright, and settled. Let me help you out with one of these words that we don’t use very often; aright. Aright is an Old English word meaning correctly, rightly, properly. So what do we have here?! The Lord wants us to commit (roll, go all in) with our purpose (why) and plans (what we are intending to do) so that HE can make them firm, fixed, direct them to be correct, right, proper, and settled! Put all of that together, and you have, the LORD HAS PLANS FOR US TO SUCCEED! And isn’t that what we want?! YES!

So, As the Lord tells us through Proverbs 16:3, Let’s GO ALL IN WITH OUR WORKS (deeds, acts of labor or work, business or pursuit, undertakings or enterprises) and WATCH THE LORD ESTABLISH (make firm, fix, direct aright, settle) OUR PLANS; and we will certainly declare that THEY WILL SUCCEED!

