

Proverbs 16:3

Commit your works to the LORD, And your plans will be established.

The root word for commit is dedicate. We are exhorted to commit or dedicate whatever we are doing to the Lord. Many believers have dedicated their babies, businesses and ministries to God; but here we are encouraged to commit our everything to Him. Look with me at **Matthew 6:33, "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.** The proper order for seeking God is to seek Him first. As we are faithful to obey and do it His way, something wonderful happens; the Lord starts to speak to us about His plans for our lives. As long as we are seeking our will first, then we live only in a state of confusion and uncertainty. There is only way to receive God's best, and that is according to His Word! For me, this scripture became very personal and real for me when I entered the U.S. Navy at the age of eighteen. Having spent most of my Junior and Senior High years pursuing girls and sports, my academics were less than favorable. When I went to my first school after boot camp, I soon discovered that I wasn't going to make it without Divine intervention. So I quickly started seeking the Lord for the tools and abilities to succeed. One morning during my quiet time with God, I was reading my daily chapter of Proverbs. As I read verse three, the Lord spoke to my heart and told me that if I committed my works to Him, that He would give me success.

Years later, the Lord spoke another clear revelation to me about this verse; **And your plans will be established.** God spoke to my heart that a plan is only a plan when it is on paper, as long as it is in your head it is only an idea. God is not saying that if you commit your works to Him that your ideas will be established, but your plans. What I quickly learned was to write out my plans, and for several reasons. First of all, it gave me a record of where I was starting from. Second, as I went along, I could clearly see what might need to be changed or altered as more clarity came my way. Thirdly, the Lord could also show me if there was anything that He wanted to alter. Fourthly, I began to discover that my original plans started to change, as my heart was changing before the Lord. This is what I believe happens, as each of us write out our plans to commit or dedicate to the Lord; those plans begin to change as we draw closer to Him. It is then that He begins to reveal His perfect will for each of our lives.

I also learned that the times where I was powerless, or in a hopeless situation in and of my own strength; were nothing more than a perfect opportunity for the Lord to move if I would only release it to Him. From the very day when this scripture became a rhema word to me, my life has never been the same. Because it was then, that it became perfectly clear that truly nothing is impossible through the Lord. My successes, my achievements, my promotions are nothing less than a testimony of the faithfulness of my God! As I have grown in age and maturity, I have fully recognized that every good thing in my life is because of Him!! I exhort you today, to take the very thing in your life that is beyond your ability and scope; and to dedicate it to our Lord. Give Him the full credit due for every success that he brings your way. Don't allow one more day of your own personal limitations to keep you from God given destiny; commit your works to the Lord!