

MAKING WISE CHOICES

A six-year-old boy told his father he wanted to marry the little girl across the street. The father, being modern and well-schooled in handling children, hid his smile behind his hand. "That's a serious step," he said, "have you thought it out completely?"

"Sure," his young son answered. "We can spend one week in my room and the next in hers. It's right across the street, so I can run home if I get lonely in the night."

"How about transportation?" the father asked.

"I have my wagon and we both have our tricycles," the little boy answered.

The boy had answers to every question the father raised. Finally, in exasperation, the man asked, "What about babies? When you're married, you're likely to have babies, you know."

"We've thought about that too," the little boy replied. "We're not going to have babies. Every time she lays an egg, I'm going to step on it."

Laughing, I thought, "Wow, I too am like this little boy. I rush head long into life thinking I have things all figured out. Then reality sets in. The bottom falls out of my carefully laid plans. So I pick myself up, brush off my clothes, ask, "What happened?" and move on.

God shares His plans and His will for each life. Often His plans do not line up with ours. It's not a good fit, or so we think. Maybe the timing is off or the place is wrong or the people are not the ones you would chose to work (associate) with and the list goes on. But I have discovered that His way is always the best, and even when I have made a mess of things, He brings order and balance back into my life. He brings hope and love to the situations. Hopefully I learn from each experience, lessons that will enrich my life.

Proverbs 16:9 says, *A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.*

Learn to turn over your plans, dreams and goals to God, and your life purposes will come to fruition for His Word says, *You (the Lord) will be far from the wicked, but You hear the prayers of the righteous.*

Attempts at solutions to our problems must include Jesus. He sent the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter, and our Helper. Human wisdom alone is useless. When one labors alone, he deprives himself for nothing. But a joint effort, a joint investment with and in the Lord has untold benefits. Making Jesus our life partner is the wisest choice we can make.

In the book of Ecclesiastes we learn that if you know God and seek to live your life before Him in a way that pleases Him, you will be living wisely. The things of the world will pass away, but one's relationship (partnership) with the Lord will stand. Our priorities should lie not in the things of this life, but in God and eternity.

WISDOM—a man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday. ~Pope