

Endurance: Serving Faithfully

Proverbs 16:1-9

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*“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,” – Ephesians 4:11-13*

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”  
– Matthew 28:19-20*

1. Serve In Accordance with God's Will (vs. 1-3)

*“The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. <sup>2</sup>All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. <sup>3</sup>Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”*

*“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.” – 2 Peter 3:9*

2. Serve With a Heart to Love (vs. 4-6)

*“The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. <sup>5</sup>Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord; be assured, he will not go unpunished. <sup>6</sup>By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.”*

*“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” – Colossians 3:14-15*

3. Serve to Honor God (vs. 7-9)

*“When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. <sup>8</sup>Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. <sup>9</sup>The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”*

*What is one change you can make this week to serve God faithfully in building up the body of Christ?*