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**Prov. 16:9, “We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.”**

The Hebrew word for *determines* is **ya chin** which means *to appoint, direct, form or prepare*. The LORD is always in the process of directing us. The problem is we don't always listen or we ignore the admonition of our Father. It's like trying to go through a cave without a lantern. We think we know the way. We think we have it all worked out. But in reality, we don't have a clue.

The light that we need is found in His word. **Ps. 119:105, “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”** As we spend time in His word, He directs us by His Holy Spirit and we can know what we are to do and where we should go. It is always best to ask Him and search His word than to head out on our own and wind up miles from His plan and purpose. He has appointed these plans for us and we would do well to walk in His way.

The prophet Isaiah spoke to the Israelites this promise showing them that God was directing their path - **Isa. 40:1-5 “Comfort, yes, comfort My people! Says your God. “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.” The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”**

**Dear LORD, help us to spend time in Your word so that we can know the path that You have laid out for us. You have prepared a way for us. Help us follow Your path and Your purpose for our lives. In Jesus Name, Amen**