



**MAN PROPOSES (fake pearl)
VS.
GOD DETERMINES (real pearl)**

PROVERBS 16:9 (NIV)

“In his heart a **man plans** his course,
but the **Lord determines** his **steps**”

- *Dictionary*

DETERMINES Controls/regulates/governs/fixes/limits/defines/directs

STEPS – stages/phases/periods

- **Contrast between** **Man – proposes**  **God – Determines/Directs**

JER 10:23

“I know o Lord, that a man’s life is not his own, it is not for man to direct his steps

- **Both verses exactly the same Hebrew words are used for:**
 - “determines/directs” – “(kuwn)”
 - “steps” – “(tsaad)”

Jam 4:13-15

“Now listen, you who say. “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money, “why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “if it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that”

FUTURE

- We plan our whole life ahead, school, education, work, retirement, business plans, 5 year plans, etc.

BUT

in the midst of our planning do we ask God for directions?

- **On other HAND,** when we sit and wait, nothing happens, (a parked car won't go anywhere)... (Faith without work means nothing)
- Many wonder, hoping and try and find God's will, BUT ANSWER is in

PROV 16:3 / PS 37:4-5 commit your works to the Lord:

- Make plans to achieve your desired objective but in same time believe, particularly that God Himself will take care of the details (**Ps 37:23; 84:11**)
- Even the most godly life plans we make, to do the Lord's will, is good, but ...

THE LORD HIMSELF DETERMINES THE STEPS-

STORY OF GIRL BUYING PEARLS



DEMO – FAKE VS. REAL PEARLS

FAKE PEARLS

Mirror

- Don't scratch off
- Stay with mask

Burn

- Stain /mark
- Damaged
- Un-repairable
- Don't clean
- Devil come to kill and destroy

Matthew 7:6

“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your **pearls** to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces

REAL PEARLS

Mirror

- Loose some of self
- Spread the colour/aroma

Burn

- Mark wipe off
- Damage wiped away
 - Restored
- As far as East to West
- Jesus did this on Cross for you and me

Matthew 13:45

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine **pearls**.

PEARL HARVESTING



Sand – dirt

Painfull for oyster

Form and mould us – trials and tribulations

Pure Pearl

Storms – He hold is in His hands, like shell protecting the pearl

TESTIMONY – me and my household will serve the Lord

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1. Preparation
2. New Beginnings/New Life
3. Family
4. Health (I did not come for the healthy – came for sick)
5. Time spend in Relationships
6. Provision
7. Grace – Johannesburg
8. Cut the negative (fake pearls)
 - NOT OUR WILL – BUT GOD’S WILL

ACTUAL 2017

1. Vision - Message Work in Cpt/Jhb -
2. Johannesburg
3. Family
 - Visit in Vietnam
 - Brother moved to Cpt
 - Stay with daughter
4. Me / my brother
5. Mom/brother/children/grand children
6. He’s providing all the way
7. Johannesburg???? Grace Cpt
8. Opportunities to speak LIFE!!!!
 - HE DIRECT OUR STEPS

TWO CHOICES

Free will - (FAKE PEARLS)

- A man got freedom to make plans and act them out
- Live his own life
- (Go through desert for 40 years) – choosing the fake pearl and become a fake pearl



Predestination - (REAL PEARLS)

- Give up your life, like Jesus did for us
- Live for what He directs us – go direct route
- Allow Him to form you and mould you to His will
- Choose to be able to go through pearl gates.

Revelation 21:21

The twelve gates were twelve **pearls**, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass

What do you choose?

- LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE, LIKE JESUS DID FOR US
- GET THE REVELATION OF THE COST AND THE PRICE HE PAID FOR YOU AND ME!!!

Remember

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