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Proverbs 16:7, **“When a man’s ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be a peace with him.”**

Have you ever seen a mule or a horse, attempting to push the wagon or plow rather than pulling it? Just doesn’t make sense does it? There are a number of people I have run across over the years that are attempting to put the cart in front of the horse concerning the principle of Proverbs 16:7. Here is what I mean by this statement: Some say *‘Lord, just get rid of all my troubles and then I will serve you. I will even say thank you and not sin anymore if you will just get me out of this trouble I am in.’*

Hopefully, you can see the problem with how some people try to bring God under obligation to them, to bless them at their chosen time, for Him to solve all their troubles first, and then they will serve Him. Matthew 6:33 finds the Lord telling us, **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”** Now things are in the proper order: the horse (or mule if you are stubborn like me) are in front of the cart or plow and ready to go to work. In Proverbs 16:7, the word **“When”** means at a time when we have been converted from unrighteous walk to following after the teachings of Jesus Christ, for our ways must please Him. A born again child of God needs to change their walk and be a disciple of Christ, thanking Him for His blessings and the promises of His watch care. This does not mean we will not have afflictions and troubles in our life, but it does mean we will be able to endure them with His help.

We have many enemies in this life. They are not always the armies of foreign countries or the threat of terrorism. Enemies can be afflictions of the body, financial troubles, stress of everyday life, and of course - Satan himself. God has not promised to remove all troubles from our lives, but He has promised to be with us during our troubles. It is good for us to seek His kingdom (by worshipping Him) because we all need for some kind of enemy to be at peace with us (leave us

alone). I need His help now (today). How about you? I pray that by His mercy and grace He will also deliver me from myself. ***Think About It!***