

## God's Part and Our Part

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A leader embarks on an interesting journey to launch a new venture. It is easy to over plan and make everything depend on our work. Another response is to look at the situation as one that the Lord empowers to bring victory, regardless of planning and effort on our part.

King Solomon advised, "The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD." (Proverbs 21:31, NIV)

I have often enjoyed a wonderful show by the Lipizzan Stallions. They are stallions that were used for military maneuvers. For example, these beautiful horses are trained to leap on command and kick out their front or back legs to strike an enemy. The horses are also trained to jump sideways to avoid an enemy strike. Learning these maneuvers takes years of training.

In the time of King Solomon, a warhorse would have taken years of training. If the horse had not been properly trained, the warrior would be at a serious disadvantage. However, Solomon recognized that victory ultimately came from the Lord. The writer didn't simply say any horse not trained for battle and attack the enemy because defeat would be far more likely.

When I work with my clients, I teach that a wise businessperson does everything possible to eliminate risk to a business by effective planning, forecasting and execution. However, even the best plans will not succeed effectively without God's blessing. A wise person wrote that God will not do our part, but we cannot do God's part. Success in any part of life includes depending on the Lord and doing our own preparation. In your business give it your best possible effort as you place your trust and faith in the Lord.