

Do you trust Me?

PROVERBS 3:5-6



I Need A Compass!

... and He will make straight your paths. [Proverbs 3:6b]

Follow the yellow brick road and you will make it back home! That brick road was anything but straight. Life is full of hills and rocky terrain between the valleys and the mountaintops. Thank God for God's promise to guide us every step of the way no matter what challenges are ahead. When we are in the middle of the storm we may not think He's aware of the path we are on, and His word tells us over and over again He is establishing our steps [Proverbs 16:9]

God's Tools [Confident Direction]

- 1] The Word of God [Psalm 119:105-107]
- 2] The Holy Spirit
[Isaiah 11:2; John 14:14-15,26, Romans 15:13]
- 3] Godly People
[Proverbs 11:14, 15:22, 24:6b, 27:9, Daniel 4]
- 4] Our Brains
[Romans 12:2, 2 Cor. 10:5; 1 Peter 4:7; 2 Timothy 1:7]
- 5] Affirmation - History
[Gen. 50:20; Psalm 105-106, Acts]

Discussion Questions/Prayer

1. Which of God's directional tools do you need to use more often? Memorize the verses associated with the tools and start building confidence in using them to seek God's direction in your life.
2. Write about a time in the past when you saw affirmation [after the storm] that God was definitely at work in your life. Share your story with someone to remind them of the presence of God's confident direction in their lives.
3. Pray for God's confident direction in your life, and for the wisdom to use His tools at your disposal that will guide you as you lean into His plans.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust [choice] in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 16:9 The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

James 1:5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Psalms 119:105-107 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules. ¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word!

Isaiah 11:2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

John 14:16-17, 26 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you . . . ²⁶ the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 24:6b ... in abundance of counselors there is victory

Proverbs 27:9 Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Corinthians 10:5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ

1 Peter 4:7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

2 Timothy 1:7 . . . for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.