

God's Guidance

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Does God guide Christians along life's pathway? Can a believer count on the Lord to direct his/her steps as they pursue the fulfillment of His will for their lives?

The answer is a resounding YES. GOD GUIDES HIS PEOPLE AND DIRECTS THEIR PATHS THROUGH LIFE. The Word God makes it abundantly clear that Christians can rely on the Lord to help them when they need guidance or direction in their lives.

Isaiah 58:11 declares that the Lord **continually** guides us. The word continually is expressed in the present continuous tense, which means that guidance from God is always ours. **God has guided us in the past, guides us in the present, and will guide us in the future. God is a guiding and directing God. There is not a time when He does not guide His children. Especially when they seek specific direction from Him.**

The Lord never leaves His children in a lurch about which direction to go. The Christian life is not about chance. It is about choice. He cares so much about us that *Psalm 37:4 reads “The steps of a man are established by the Lord; and He delights in His way.”* **God directs our steps and is happy about the way He has established for us.** Just as a caring, benevolent earthly father gives proper guidance and direction to his kids, our Father in Heaven properly leads us in the way of righteousness and everlasting life.

Christians don't ever have to be in a state of confusion about which decision to make, or which direction to take. God takes the guess work out. He continually guides His people so they will stay on the path He has established for them. **We experience success and enjoy the blessings of fulfilling His divine will when we stay on, not stray from, God's pathway for our lives.**

God has chosen a certain way for us to walk through life. God leads and guides every step of the way. That way is revealed in his Word and is made known to us through many different means. God will confirm his guidance through the witness of His Holy Spirit in our hearts and through mature Christians who we confide in.

The Bible tells us that we can know His will and the way to accomplish it. Our responsibility is to look to Him for guidance and direction when we need it. As dedicated, diligent, obedient believers, we will discover His guidance that we need everyday!

The following scriptures and biblical examples show us how we can have confidence in seeking the Lord when we need guidance and direction.

Promises Of God's Guidance

- “For such is God, our God forever and ever; He will **guide** us until death.”
Isaiah 48:14
- “He makes me lie down in green pastures; He **leads** me beside quiet waters.”
Psalm 32:2
- “I will **instruct** you and **teach** you in the way which you should go; I will **counsel** you with My eye upon you.”
Psalm 32:8
- “Good and upright is the Lord. Therefore he **instructs (leads and directs)** sinners in the way.”
Psalm 25:8
- “The meek will He **guide** in judgment; and the meek will He **teach** His way.”
Psalm 25:9
- “With Thy **counsel** Thou will **guide** me, and afterward receive me to glory.”
Psalm 73:24
- “The mind of a man plans his way, but the Lord **directs** his steps.”
Proverbs 16:9
- “A wicked man shows a bold face, but as for the upright, God **directs** his way and makes his path sure.”
Proverbs 21:29
- “And your ears will hear a word behind you, “**This is the way, walk in it**” whenever you turn to the right or to the left.”
Isaiah 30:21
- “And I will **lead** the blind by a way they do not know, in paths they do not know I will **guide** them. I will make darkness into light before them and rugged places into plains. These are the things I will do, and I will not leave them undone.”
Isaiah 42:16
- “Thus says the Lord your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord your God, who **teaches** you to profit, who **leads** you in the way you should go.”

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- “To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to **guide** our feet in the way of peace.” *Luke 1:79*
- “When He puts forth all His own, **He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him because they know His voice.**” *John 10:4*
- “But when he, The Spirit of truth comes, He will **guide** you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will **disclose** to you what is to come.” *John 16:13*

Seeking God’s Guidance

- “O Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness because of my foes; make Thy way straight before me.” *Psalm 5:8*
- “Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou are the God of my salvation; for Thee I wait all the day.” *Psalm 25:5*
- “Teach me thy way O Lord, and lead me in a level path, because of my enemies.” *Psalm 27:11*
- “Teach me to do Thy will, for Thou are my God; let Thy good Spirit lead me on level ground.” *Psalm 143:10*
- “And they prayed and said, “Thou, Lord, knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two Thou hast chosen.” *Acts 1:24*

Scriptural Examples of God’s Guidance

Study the following passages and note the situations and how God gave clear guidance to His people.

Genesis 24:27, Exodus 13:21, Nehemiah 9:19, Psalm 78:14, Matthew 2:9, Genesis 12:1, Genesis 31:1, Exodus 3:10, Joshua 1:2, Judges 6:14, II Samuel 5:19, I Kings 17:3,4,9, I Kings 18:1, I Kings 19:15, I Kings 21:18-19, II Kings 1,3, Deuteronomy 31:11-12, Deuteronomy 8:2.

How To Seek God's Guidance And Receive Divine Direction

No matter what your need may be, follow these four simple steps and the Lord will direct your steps. If you will be faithful to wait on Him for the guidance you need, He will be faithful to you to provide the clear direction you seek.

STEP ONE CALL UPON THE LORD

“Call to Me and I will answer and I will show you great and mighty things which you do not know.” *Jeremiah 33:3*

- **Dial God's phone number through prayer and tell Him exactly what you need. Be very specific and expect Him to answer.**

STEP TWO SEEK WISDOM FROM THE LORD

“But if any of you lacks, wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” *James 1:4*

- **With confident and expectant faith, ask God for wisdom and search for it in His Word. Seek specific steps you are to take.**

STEP THREE TRUST IN THE LORD

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean upon your own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all your ways, and He will direct your steps.” *Proverbs 3:5-6*

- **Let go of what you think and feel. Look to the Lord. Trust His perfect plan for your life. Listen for His divine direction.**

STEP FOUR REST IN THE LORD

“Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.” *Psalm 37:7*

- **Receive His direction. Be at peace with His plan. Through obedience, pursue the steps He has put before you. One step at**

a time. Keep looking forward and walking by faith as you fulfill His good plan for your life!

I believe God is directing me to do this at this time. _____

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REMEMBER: When you have received God’s guidance and direction, humbly and joyfully give Him thanks! Rejoice in His guidance in your life.

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