

Positioning Yourself to be Led by God

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Scripture References

Psalms 119:130

Psalms 37:23-25

Psalms 37:23-25, *AMPC*

Philippians 4:11

Jeremiah 10:23

Jeremiah 10:23, *NLT*

Philippians 2:13, *NLT*

Jeremiah 29:11, *NLT*

Proverbs 16:9, *NLT*

Isaiah 30:21, *NLT*

Proverbs 3:5, 6, *NLT*

Isaiah 48:17, *NLT*

Summary

Life can be a confusing mystery if we do not know why we were born. God has given all of us a purpose for our lives; He is committed to guiding us to clarity and understanding of that plan. We have all received gifts and talents that enable us to fulfill the mission He has for us. Our job is to follow God's lead to discover what those anointings are. Following His direction often requires that we go through difficult circumstances designed to strengthen us for the journey to where He wants us to be. We cannot be successful if we cut God out of our lives; we only end up broken and spiritually blind. Yielding to Him allows Him to lead us to our place of wholeness.

A. Relying on God's guidance allows us to learn from our mistakes and bounce back.

1. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple (Psalm 119:130).
 - a. True clarity starts with the entrance of God's Word. It gives us clear spiritual vision and allows us to see the right dispensations through the lens of grace.
 - b. We should not simply read the Bible like a novel; we must let the Scriptures become a checklist for how we conduct our lives.
2. The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread (Psalm 37:23-25).
 - a. Sometimes our greatest lessons come from our biggest mistakes.
 - b. God will lead us through circumstances that prepare us for our destination.
3. The steps of a [good] man are directed *and* established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step]. Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down, for the Lord grasps his hand in support *and* upholds him. I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread (Psalm 37:23-25, *AMPC*).
 - a. No matter what happens, God has us. He gets involved in every step of our journey.
 - b. We are the righteousness of God; therefore, He will never abandon us.
 - c. We must be content in uncomfortable situations, knowing God is holding our hand.
 - d. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content (Philippians 4:11).

- e. Wherever we are right now is part of God's equipping process to help us reach our destination.

B. Life is a gift given to us by God. Letting Him lead us daily enhances our quality of life.

1. In the past, we may have had the mindset that said, "This is *my* life, and I want to live it my own way." Without God, we do not have the wisdom to live right. We need Him.
 - a. O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps (Jeremiah 10:23).
 - b. I know, LORD, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course (Jeremiah 10:23, *NLT*).
2. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him (Philippians 2:13, *NLT*).
 - a. No matter what we do or where we go, if we have accepted Jesus, God works in us to change us from the inside.
 - b. Even if we initially did not want to do the thing God revealed to us, He is well able to change our minds.
 - c. Power is the ability to get the job done.
 - d. When God is in us, when we die—whenever that moment comes—we will be ready to face Him at His throne.
3. For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11, *NLT*).
 - a. Any disaster that befalls us is not from God, and is not His plan. He wants the best for us.

C. Regardless of what we think, we do not have it in us to live successfully without God.

1. We can only live successful lives when we yield to God. He is committed to leading us to the right path in life.
 - a. We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps (Proverbs 16:9, *NLT*).
 - b. Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, "This is the way you should go,..." (Isaiah 30:21, *NLT*).
2. Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take (Proverbs 3:5, 6, *NLT*).
 - a. We must not be the kind of Christian who only goes to God in an emergency; we must seek Him *all* the time.
 - b. God loves us and wants to lead us. However, He has made us free moral agents. We must choose for ourselves whether to plan our own lives, or follow *His* plan.
3. This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow (Isaiah 48:17, *NLT*).
 - a. We need to let God teach us what is good for us, and then redirect our steps accordingly. He wants to help us avoid the painful mistakes and pitfalls in life.

For more on how clear spiritual vision brings understanding of God's plan for our lives, click on the link below for the MP3, *Spiritual Blindness vs. Clarity (Part 6)*.

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