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Issue 10..God's Powerful Promise of Guidance..

Someone once said; *“He who trusts his own wisdom to guide him through life is a fool, he is casting his anchor inside the boat, and thus will drift incessantly. But the one who looks to the Lord for guidance acts wisely.”* Have you ever been lost and didn't know which way to go. I remember once Susie and I decided to our kids on a mini vacation to Niagara Falls. We were limited on money so we used a free motel stay that we had to spend the night. I asked Susie to get a motel for us in Canada. So she found this Howard Johnson's that had a one hundred foot water slide in it. I thought- wow that would be like taking the kids to an amusement park without all the expense. You got to remember in those days I didn't get out much. So we went to the falls and watched in amazement at the majesty of the falls. That day the Psalm that says his voice is the sound of many waters became real to me. For Susie was standing two feet from me and talking and all I could hear was the sound of the water falling over the falls. Similarly when God speaks to us his voice drowns out all the other voices that are competing for a hearing ear. Now In the evening we decided to drive to the motel and I asked Susie which way was the motel. She said we have to get on the Queens highway and go north so we did. An hour and a half later I said how far is this motel. She said she didn't know it was only about an inch a half on the map. As you can tell my wife is no map reader. And since Canada doesn't put any road signs on the highway we didn't know where we were going. Finally after what seen like hours (*because my patience meter was running low*) we found a sign that said Hamilton this exit population 500,000. I said; “ no way where do they live in trees?” But we followed the sign that led us to a city in the woods. A big city that I got thoroughly lost in. When I asked for directions all I got was some gibberish language that I didn't understand. Friend you need to have someone who speaks the language to guide you and the Holy Spirit fits the bill.

Look at this verse from Proverbs.

Proverbs 3:5 - 6 (NKJV) ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Now in this promise God doesn't guarantee that we won't get lost in Canada, but he does promise to give us the guidance through life that we need if will just trust and depend on him for it.

There are primarily three things you must do to make this promise a reality for you.

1—Depend on God completely...Settle in your heart that God knows best and you will trust his direction completely. Where ever it leads you. The word trust in the above verse actually means to be “ face down.” It pictures a servant too reverent to look up but patiently waiting for the master's command.

2-Treat your own wisdom lightly...if you will only be honest with yourself you will admit that your ability to judge correctly is a hit or miss game at best. Sometimes you're right and sometimes you're wrong.

Instead use the wisdom that comes from God's word and wise leaders at your church and godly counselors to help guide you through life.

3—Always seek God’s will... “All your ways” means in everything that you do from watching TV to listening the music to going to work. Everything about your life. We must make a candid examination of our values and priorities of life. And seek him;

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV) ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Always remember when you learn to acknowledge God in all your ways he will make your paths straight.

Now for the next few minutes let’s learn how to apply this new found knowledge that I have just given you.

First do not under any circumstance trust in your own reason. Remember Proverbs says that anyone who trusts in his own heart is a fool.

Then do ask God for guidance even in the small matters. Solomon also said it was the little foxes that spoiled the vines. Meaning it’s the little things in life that can ruin you.

Also listen to the wise council of God’s word and his counselors. A fool is only wise in his own eyes. Spend time alone with God to think things through. God has given us a god-given ability to think before we make a decision that will affect our eternity.

Be patient until God’s will is perfectly clear. Remember the path that leads to God’s will is well marked and perfectly lit.

Proverbs 15:19 (NKJV) ¹⁹ The way of the lazy *man* is like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the upright *is* a highway.

Proverbs 4:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸ But the path of the just *is* like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

Beware of poorly marked paths that are not well lit.

Finally pray over every decision that you make as though it is the most important decision that you have ever made. Remember your decisions that you make now in this day is what determines your destiny. Your decisions determine your destiny. If you need more information about making the right decisions and how to find God’s will for your life I suggest you get a copy of my book. “Are you stressed or blessed? It will teach you how to build the future you want by making every day that you live now count.

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