

"ARE YOU ON THE RIGHT ROAD?"

"I AM ON THE RIGHT ROAD; THE LORD HAS LED ME" (GOODSPEED)

Gen. 24:27

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON THE RIGHT ROAD.

1. TO AVOID GETTING LOST - THE WRONG DESTINATION.

2. TO AVOID BEING LATE - WASTED TIME.

II. THE RIGHT ROAD OF GOD'S WILL.

A. THE ROAD OF ETERNAL LIFE.

1. THIS LEADS TO THE RIGHT DESTINATION.
2. WE MUST BE SURE WE ARE ON THIS ROAD BEFORE WE CAN BE SURE OF FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM GOD.

B. THE ROAD OF EFFECTIVE SERVICE.

1. THIS ASSURES US OF RIGHTLY INVESTED TIME AND TALENTS.
2. YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO KNOW GOD'S WILL, ACTS 22:14.

III. HOW CAN YOU BE SURE YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT ROAD OF GOD'S GUIDANCE?

A. FOLLOW THE RIGHT ROAD MAP - THE BIBLE.

THERE ARE MANY PROMISES GIVEN US FOR GUIDANCE.

1. PSALM 32:8, I WILL INSTRUCT THEE AND TEACH THEE IN THE WAY WHICH THOU SHALT GO.

2. PROV. 3:6, IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

B. FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1. IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT THE CHILDREN OF GOD SHOULD BE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

2. IT IS PART OF THE OFFICE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE OUR GUIDE.

C. OTHER PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS:

1. OUR MOTIVES MUST BE PURE.

A. LUKE 11:34, WHEN THINE EYE IS SINGLE, THY WHOLE BODY IS ALSO FULL OF LIGHT.

B. WE MUST NOT BE AMBITIOUS FOR PERSONAL ADVANTAGE OR TO SEEK THE PRAISE OF MEN.

C. YOU MUST REMOVE YOUR PRE-CONCEPTIONS AND PREJUDICES.

D. YOU MUST DESIRE ONLY THE GLORY OF GOD.

2. YOUR WILL MUST BE SURRENDERED.

3. FIND THE PLACE OF PRAYER

4. SEE THE NECESSITY OF FAITH

5. UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF OBEDIENCE

6. SEEK ALL THE FACTS AND RELIABLE INFORMATION AND RESULTS OF EXPERIENCE WHICH YOU CAN GATHER FOR ENLIGHTENMENT OF YOUR GOD-GIVEN MENTAL FACULTIES.

7. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COUNSEL AND FELLOWSHIP OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

A. YET, DO THIS WITHOUT RUNNING TO AND FRO TO BE CONFUSED BY UNSYMPATHETIC AND UNSPIRITUAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

B. GOD'S WORD SAYS "IN A MULTITUDE OF COUNSEL THERE IS SAFETY".

C. GOD MIRACULOUSLY OPENED PRISON DOORS THAT NEITHER PETER NOR HIS FRIENDS COULD OPEN; BUT HE LEFT HIM STANDING AND WAITING BEFORE THE DOOR THAT HIS FRIENDS WERE EXPECTED TO OPEN.

8. LEARN THE WISDOM OF TAKING ONE STEP AT THE TIME, AND FAITHFULLY USING THE OPPORTUNITY AT HAND.

A. "THE STEPS OF A GOOD MAN ARE ORDERED OF THE LORD."

B. NOT NEXT YEAR, BUT TOMORROW

C. NOT THE NEXT MILE, BUT THE NEXT YARD.

9. WATCH FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE IN SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES.

A. WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE SURE OF GOD'S PURPOSE.

B. DISCIPLINE YOUR SPIRIT TO RECOGNIZE THE LEAST SIGN

OF GOD'S WILL.

10. WHEN YOU HAVE ONCE DEFINITELY MADE UP YOUR MIND IN FAITH AND PRAYER, AND ARE SURE OF GOD'S WILL, THEN DARE TO ACT, AND NEVER LOOK BACK IN DOUBT OR FEAR.

HE WILL VINDICATE YOUR DECISION.

HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE ASHAMED.

11. IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT THE CHILDREN OF GOD SHOULD

BE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

12. IT IS PART OF THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO BE OUR

OTHER PROPHETIC INSPIRATIONS:

A. THAT IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT THE BODY IS SICK, THE MIND MUST BE FREE,

B. THAT IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT THE BODY ADVANTAGE OR

C. THAT IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD,

D. THAT IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT THE BODY BE SUBMISSED.

13. IT IS THE PRICE OF PRAYER

14. IT IS THE NECESSITY OF FAITH

15. IT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S HOME

16. IT IS THE FACTS AND RELATIONS INFORMED AND RESULTS OF EXPERIENCE WHICH YOU CAN GETHER FOR THE INTERIMENT OF YOUR GOD-CHIEN MENTAL LATITUDES.

17. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONSCIE AND LEARN HOW TO DO GOD'S BODIES.

18. DO THIS MIGHTY WORK TO DO GOD'S CONFERENCES.

19. GOD'S MIGHTY WORKS ARE A MIGHTY WORK TO CONFESS THE SAME TO GOD.

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SUBMISSION TO GOD:

Christianity has always insisted that man finds himself in submission to a Higher Self or Will.

This age in which we live may in one way be described as an undisciplined age; at least this does describe a large and very vocal element.

Listen to watchwords of the cult:

"I must be free to live my own life,"
"freedom to experiment,"

and "escape from stuffy conventions."

And in the name of freedom they commit--if not crimes at least serious errors.

It seems that the aim in morals, as in everything else, is freedom.

But freedom is not gained through disregard of law.

And the cult of freedom may degenerate into drift. The lack of an organizing principle of life coming from deep and accepted standards leads at last to an aimless drift in life.

Freedom comes through discipline and submission.

One of the deep paradoxes of life is that we can never be free until we are mastered.

We are free in the scientific realm, to fly, to talk across ~~the~~ the world, and to hear innumerable unseen messengers.

How did we become free in this way?

By obeying nature.

Behind every invention, and discovery, stands a scientist mastered by a great truth.

The apostle Paul was not free until he was mastered by Christ.

Our Christian faith is more than a tranquilizing pill. One of the first of our Lord's gifts is not a couch but a Cross.

"I have not come to bring peace, but a sword," he said. To follow Christ is to get under a cross, a voluntarily accepted burden.

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