

**“Letting God guide us”**

Psalm 32:8, Psalm 37:23, Proverbs 3:6, Isaiah 58:11, Ephesians 2:10

The issue of God’s guidance in our lives has been a major concern for sincere Christians from the very beginning of time. From the time of Adam and Eve until the time of the Apostle Paul; and even unto this present day, Christians have struggled with how to discern what God is guiding us to do at important times in our lives. All of us have at some point asked God “what do you want me to do?” We have also asked God for signs and confirmation that we are headed in the right direction. If we are really going to get to know God the way He wants to know us, then it is imperative that we live lives that are guided by Him. We must be in His will and in His purpose for us. Nothing is more tragic for a Christian than a misdirected life. A life that has failed to live up to its’ potential and has become a “misfit” in the plans of God. The consequences of NOT letting God guide us can be far-reaching and very costly to us spiritually, socially, financially, mentally and physically. Indeed it pays in the long run to let God be our guide. God’s guidance is not simply for the occasional important moments of critical decisions that we have to make. God’s guidance is supposed to be for every day and every moment of our lives.

In light of the above scriptures, I would suggest the following principles about God’s guidance in our daily lives:

**-God’s guidance is promised to us.**

If we are honest, not everybody who says that they want God’s guidance really wants to be guided into God’s will. Often what we are seeking is not *His* way, but rather His approval of *our* way. We ask God for wisdom and guidance, but we have already decided what we want to do. The bible teaches us that God has a divine plan for our lives in which He seeks our cooperation. He has promised to reveal His plan to us, but He often only does it one step at a time. The fact that He promises guidance does not mean that He still does not require faith on our part. We have to trust God every step of the way, He has promised to lead us all the way.

**-God’s guidance is absolutely necessary for us.**

We need only look at the many wrecked lives around us to see that this is true. Daily guidance is an indispensable necessity and a privilege for us. Life is one long succession of choices between two or more alternatives that seem to look good to us. Which one will we take? What will be the future consequences of each? Only God knows. Since God knows the future and His will for us, it makes sense to trust Him completely.

**-God’s guidance is individually crafted for each of us.**

God has a specific plan for every human being. We are each special to Him in various ways. God takes EVERYTHING about us into consideration when He guides us. He does not leave out any details, so therefore we can trust Him to always know the best path for us.

