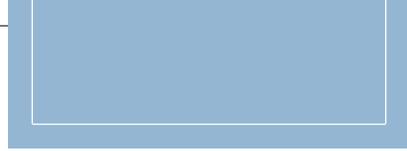




**February Bible Study Series:
Walking With God**



Lesson Eight

Walking In Guidance



**“God does not guide
those who want to run
their own lives.”**



**References from the Book of
Psalms
Walking in God's Guidance**

Psalm 32:8, I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you

Psalm 37:23-24, The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand.

Psalm 25:4-5, Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all day.

Psalm 48:14, For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide, even to death.

Psalm 73:23-24, Nevertheless I
am continually with You; You hold
me by my right hand. You will
guide me with Your counsel, and
afterward receive me to glory.



God Desires to Guide Us

Isaiah 42:16, I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.

Isaiah 58:11, The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

John 16:13, However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.



The Voice of the Shepherd

John 10:27, My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.

John 10:14-16, I am the Good Shepherd; and I know My sheep and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Two Ways a Shepherd Guides:

The Staff:

Submitting to the shepherd's authority.

The Rod:

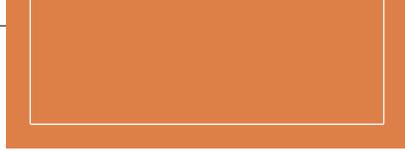
Submitting to the shepherd's discipline.

Hebrews 12:7-8,11, If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Isaiah 40:11, He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.



**God's Guidance is a Skill to be
Learned over a Lifetime.**



Discovering God's Will

Colossians 1:9, For this reason...we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Philippians 1:9-10, And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ.



Two Levels of Knowing God's Will:

1. The General Will of God (The Bible)

I Thessalonians 4:3, It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality.

II Timothy 3:16, All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

God's Will is Revealed Through Two Expressions:

- **Commands** - John 14:23-24
- **Promises** - II Corinthians 1:20; II Peter 1:3-

2. The Specific Will of God

Isaiah 30:21, Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,
'This is the way; walk in it.'

Four Specific Attitudes in Approaching God:

- **Desire God's Will - Psalm 25:4-5**
- **Let Go of Your Own Reasoning - Proverbs 3:5-6**
 - **Trust God - Psalm 37:3-5**
- **Lay Down Your Own Will - Luke 22:42**

James 1:5-8, If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.



God's Methods of Guidance

God Guides Through:

- **His Word - Psalm 119:105**
- **Other Christians – Ephesians 5:19**
- **Prophetic Gifts - I Thessalonians 5:19-20**
 - **Worship - Acts 13:2**
- **An Inner Conviction - Romans 8:16**

- **Every fact is to be confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses.**
- **The more important the guidance, the more confirmations God will give.**

When we are seeking God for guidance, His peace will confirm that the words we are receiving are indeed from Him.



Hearing God's Voice

Psalm 46:10, Be still and know
that I am God.

Isaiah 30:15, In repentance and
rest you will be saved, in
quietness and trust is your
strength.



**Hearing God Speak Should
Prompt You To Action.**

Two Questions:

1. I'm facing some important decisions, but how can I know what I ought to do?
2. Does God care about things like this, or does He just leave them up to us to sort out on our own?



**“Men give advice; God
gives guidance.”**

Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. What is your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?
2. A shepherd's guidance is expressed in two ways. Can you name and explain them?
3. What is the purpose of the Lord's chastening?
4. What is meant by the "General" and "Specific" will of God?

5. Name the ways God can bring guidance into our lives.

6. What role does peace play in following God's guidance?

7. What are some things in life that can drown out the voice of God?

8. Many Christians complain that God doesn't speak to them when they're in need of guidance. Have you ever experienced a time when God was silent when you needed guidance?