

"God Leads By His Word"

The first and most important way God leads is by His Word. Jesus said, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God**" (Matthew 4:4). We need to be led by the written Word of God. You can be absolutely certain God will never lead you in a way that is contrary to what He says in the Bible. While this may seem obvious, it is something many people miss. The Bible tells us what God does and doesn't want us to do. When we read the scriptures, they should wake us up in areas where we are spiritually asleep. In fact, 1 Corinthians 10:11 tells us that all of the examples in God's Word were written for our admonition. That word, "**admonition**," literally means "**to slap**." So, when we read what happened to people in the Bible, it should be like a gentle slap in the face that helps us see God's will more clearly. Remember this: **God never leads contrary to His Word.**

"God Leads By His Peace"

There are many important decisions to be made in life that are not covered by a specific verse. For example, there are no verses that give you the name of the person you should marry or the address of the house you are supposed to buy. You won't find scriptures that specify which college you should attend or where you should work either. In those types of situations, God will often lead you by giving you peace. Satan may be able to counterfeit some things, but he can never counterfeit the peace of God. Colossians 3:15 says we should let God's peace rule in our hearts. Just like an umpire, His peace will tell you whether you are "safe" in His will – or "out" of the will of God. When you are sincerely seeking God for guidance, He will sometimes lead by filling you with His supernatural peace. However, if God does not give you peace, it would be unwise to proceed.

"God Leads By Desire"

Another way God leads is by desire, but there is a big difference between the desires He gives and the desires of the flesh. You already know your flesh will try to make you do all sorts of things that are not right. Romans 7:23 affirms that the law of sin abides in our flesh; in other words, our bodies are crazy! If you do what your flesh dictates, you will almost always be headed for trouble. Philippians 2:13 in the Translator's New Testament says, "**God Himself is at work in you inspiring you to want those things which please Him and to work for them.**" **God will lead you by placing His desires into your heart.**

"God Leads By Ordering Your Footsteps"

Psalm 37:23 declares that: "**The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.**" Be encouraged that you can fulfill your destiny by trusting in Him and charting your course based on how He leads, not on your own understanding. As you let Him be the One Who orders your steps, you will fulfill your destiny!

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Matthew 14:28



God is always showing us signs. Sometimes we simply choose to overlook them because they are not in line with our hearts' desires. However, no one knows what is the next best step like God does.

Once our footsteps are on the path He directed us, that is all the map we need. "**Walk By Faith, Not By Sight.**" (2 Corinthians 5:7)

"What It Means To Walk By Faith"

The phrase "**walk by faith**" is found in 2 Corinthians 5:7 which reads literally from the Greek text, "**for by means of faith we walk, and not by means of sight.**" The term "**walk**" is being used figuratively to mean our manner of life or the way we conduct ourselves on a daily basis. If a Christian is walking by faith, his daily life is predominantly governed by learned biblical principles, and he/she is being led by the Holy Spirit. Walking by faith also reflects the fact we are to simply trust God in all things that happen in our daily walk, especially with regard to those things we don't understand. This is not easy, especially for new believers. As we grow, however, we learn how trustworthy He is, and trusting Him in all things becomes easier. When we learn to trust Him in all things, we can have a deep and abiding peace.

"What It Means To Walk By Sight"

If one is not walking by faith, their daily life is governed or controlled by human or worldly principles and values that are not divine. This is called "walking by sight" in this same passage. In Psalm 14:1 it says, "The fool says in his heart, there is no God." The word for fool in Hebrew is '**nabal**' which carries the meaning of one who is guided by his/her own impulses and worldly thinking rather than trusting and being led by Lord. Although this passage refers to an unbeliever, Christians (believers) can also act foolishly by following their own worldly views about what is right and wrong rather than walking by faith. When they do, they are said to be walking by sight.

"Taking The First Step Of Faith"



It starts by taking a step! That sounds simple since none of us remember learning how to walk. We have seen our children learn how to walk though. There are a lot of missteps, a lot of falling down, and a lot of getting ahead of themselves.

The same things happen to us. We miss things, we fall down, and we get ahead of God. However in the end we learn how to walk and the way we start is by taking that first step. The word "can't" should not be in our vocabulary. "Can't never did anything." If you are going to learn how to walk by faith you are going to have to lose the idea that you "can't" do something. You can, as long as God has guided you to do it.

"Walking By Faith, Makes Sense If We Understand What Faith Is"

Walking by faith, makes sense if we understand what faith is and the profound Glory of what it accomplishes and gives back to us in return. Hebrews 11:1-2 gives the definition of faith, saying, "**Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.**" Faith is being absolutely convinced and assured that what we hope for and believe in according to the promises of God in the Scripture is indeed going to come to pass. Faith is more than just empty hoping or thinking positively. It is an assurance and confidence that pierces to the depth of our souls that what God has said is true because God is for real and His promises are sure. As Hebrews 11:6 says, "**And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.**" Even though in this life God and heaven are unseen, those who believe God and His Word still choose to adjust their lives in light of eternal priorities. They choose not to walk by what is only visible to them now but rather based upon an unwavering belief of what they will see later. They are confident in their coming reward and in God's ability and faithfulness to keep His Word.

"So How Do We Find Out What Faith Is?"

We should always first go to the Bible to see if It offers us a definition of any term or concept under consideration. In Hebrews 11:1 we indeed read a Biblical definition of faith: "**Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen**". This verse tells us that faith is a conviction that we have regarding something that allows us to be able to act on it as if it were assured of happening. But where does such assurance come from? A lot of people have the above scripture memorized but then when you ask the question about where does faith come from, you either get a "I don't really know" or somebody saying that it comes from within with the implication that faith is something we develop ourselves. Now let us go to the Bible and see if it tells us where faith comes from. Hebrews 12:2 says "...**Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith**". And Rom 12:3 says " ... **God has allotted to each a measure of faith.**" These two verses clearly tell us that faith is not something that we do or a presence of mind that we develop, but that faith is a gift from God.

Rom 10:17 says " ... **Faith comes from hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ.**" So faith is a gift from God that we receive from the Word of Christ, which in this dispensation we get from the Bible rather than from a burning bush. Without faith from God, we cannot believe. Faith is the cause and believe is the effect. A great definition of faith is the empowering of God. God empowers us to believe, trust, repent, hope, etc.

"Fulfilling Your Destiny"



You might not have realized it, but you have a destiny. It is God's unique purpose, His special plan for your life, and it is tailored just for you. If you want to fulfill your God-given destiny, you will need to make wise choices all along the way. Whether you are seeking direction on where to go to school, which job to take, who to marry or where to live, nothing is more important than knowing God's will.

The Bible says, "**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths**" (Proverbs 3:5-6). It's a promise!

Unfortunately, people sometimes stray from God's will because they move too quickly, taking what they think is His will and running with it. The Bible tell us in 2 Corinthians 13:1, that every word should be established by two or three witnesses, so when it comes to being certain of God's will, it is best to look for multiple confirmations.

"God Give Us Buoys To Guide Us"



When a ship heads into a harbor, there are buoys to guide it. The captain of the ship never fixes his gaze on just one of them. Instead, he lines up several buoys and follows the course they indicate until the ship is safely into the harbor. Likewise, God leads in a variety

of ways, and each could be thought of as a buoy helping us stay on course. Let's take a look at some of the ways God leads us to our destiny.