

RECEIVING DIRECTION FROM GOD

GOD HAS ALWAYS ENDEAVORED TO DIRECT HIS PEOPLE IN THE WAY THAT HE KNOWS IS BEST FOR THEM. IN THIS LESSON WE WILL LOOK AT SEVERAL KEYS TO RECEIVING DIRECTION FROM GOD

Isaiah 48:17b NCV

..."I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHO TEACHES YOU TO DO WHAT IS GOOD, WHO LEADS YOU IN THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO.

I. GOD IS ALWAYS ENDEAVORING TO GUIDES US

Isaiah 58:11 GNT

And I will always guide you and satisfy you with good things. I will keep you strong and well. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water, like a spring of water that never goes dry.

Psalms 32:8 GNT

The LORD says, "I will teach you the way you should go; I will instruct you and advise you.

II. GOD LED HIS OLD COVENANT BELIEVERS

Exodus 13:21-22 NCV

The LORD showed them the way; during the day he went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud, and during the night he was in a pillar of fire to give them light. In this way they could travel during the day or night. [22] The pillar of cloud was always with them during the day, and the pillar of fire was always with them at night.

III. GOD LEADS NEW COVENANT BELIEVERS TODAY

2 PRINCIPAL WAYS GOD LEADS US

1. HIS WRITTEN WORD

Psalms 119:105 NCV

Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

WE ARE LED BY GOD WHEN WE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS IN HIS WORD

Psalm 119:133 NLT

Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil.

2. HOLY SPIRIT

John 16:13 NIV

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

Proverbs 20:27 NIV

The human spirit is the lamp of the Lord that sheds light on one's inmost being.

Romans 8:14 GNT

Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children.

HOW CAN WE KNOW HOLY SPIRIT IS LEADING US?

Psalm 25:8 TPT

When people turn to you, they discover how easy you are to please—so faithful and true! Joyfully you teach them the proper path, even when they go astray.

1. MUST AGREE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE WORD

(WORD & HOLY SPIRIT WILL ALWAYS AGREE)

Psalm 119:9 TPT

How can a young man stay pure? Only by LIVING IN THE WORD OF GOD AND WALKING IN ITS TRUTH.

2. IS THERE A SENSE OF PEACE IN YOUR HEART

Isaiah 55:12 ERV

“So you will go out from there with joy. You will be led out in PEACE.

Psalm 85:8 NLT

I LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT GOD THE LORD IS SAYING, FOR HE SPEAKS PEACE TO HIS FAITHFUL PEOPLE...

Psalm 119:165 ERV

Those who love your teachings will find true peace. Nothing can make them fall.

3. WILL GOD BE GLORIFIED AND THE NAME OF JESUS MAGNIFIED?

John 15:8 NLT

When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

4. WILL OTHERS BENEFIT, NOT ONLY YOU?

Genesis 12:2 NLT

I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.

5. IS IT IN LINE WITH THE GIFTS OR ABILITIES GOD GAVE YOU?

Romans 12:6 NLT

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT YOU ENJOY DOING AND WHAT YOU ARE GIFTED TO DO.

6. DOES IT AGREE WITH THE WISE LEADERSHIP COUNSEL YOU SUBMIT TO? (Always seek counsel before MAKING MAJOR decisions).

Proverbs 20:18 TLB

Don't go ahead with your plans without the advice of others;

NOTE: MAKE SURE YOU CONFIDE IN WISE SPIRITUALLY MATURE COUNSEL.

Proverbs 20:19 TLB

Don't tell your secrets to a gossip unless you want them broadcast to the world.

7. ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE TO DO WHAT YOU PERCEIVE IS GOD'S DIRECTION?

Luke 14:28 TLB

"But don't begin until you count the cost.

Ecclesiastes 5:3 AMP

For the dream comes through much effort....

8. TAKE STEPS OF FAITH TO DO WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART

Proverbs 28:19 ERV

Whoever works hard will have plenty to eat, but whoever wastes their time with dreams will always be poor.

DON'T BE JUST A DREAMER, BUT A DOER.

9. COMMIT IT TO GOD AND ASK HIM TO GIVE YOU A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TAKING ACTION

Proverbs 3:6 TLB

In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.