

He Leadeth Me

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God desires us to have intelligent choice and freedom to make decisions, trusting that He will guide us aright in uncertain times.

Scripture: James 1:5

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the freedom God grants us in making choices, highlighting that while He leads us like a shepherd, He desires us to exercise our own intelligent decisions in daily life. Tozer reassures that a person fully surrendered to Christ cannot make a wrong choice, as any decision made in faith will align with God's will. In moments of uncertainty where scripture does not provide clear guidance, believers are encouraged to seek wisdom from God, who promises to lead them rightly. He cites James 1:5-6 and Isaiah 48:17 as reminders of God's commitment to guide us. Ultimately, Tozer encourages taking our problems to the Lord and trusting that either choice made in faith will be the right one.

Transcript

Except for those things that are specifically commanded or forbidden, it is God's will that we be free to exercise our own intelligent choice. The shepherd will lead the sheep but he does not wish to decide which tuft of grass the sheep shall nibble each moment of the day. In almost everything touching our common life on earth God is pleased when we are pleased. He wills that we be as free as birds to soar and sing our Maker's praise without anxiety. God's choice for us may not be one but any one of a score of possible choices.

The man or woman who is wholly and joyously surrendered to Christ cannot make a wrong choice. Any choice will be the right one. But what about those rare times when a great deal is at stake, we can discover no clear scriptural instruction and yet are forced to choose between two possible courses? In such a situation we have God's faithful promise to guide us aright. Here, for instance, are two passages from the Word of the Lord: If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering (James 1:5,6). Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go (Isaiah 48:17). Take your problem to the Lord. Remind Him of these promises. Then get up and do what looks best to you. Either choice will be right. God will not permit you to make a mistake.

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