

Proverbs 3:5

by Chuck Smith

God promises to direct our path if we trust in Him with all our heart, lean not to our own understanding, and acknowledge Him in all our ways.

Scripture: Psalm 32:8, Psalm 37:23-24, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 30:21, Isaiah 41:10, Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 6:33, Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:6-7, James 1:5

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Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the promise that God will direct our paths, highlighting the importance of trusting in the Lord wholeheartedly. He explains that while we often desire to control our future, true confidence comes from knowing that God, who knows every situation we will face, is in control. Smith stresses that this promise is conditional upon our trust and acknowledgment of God in all aspects of our lives, rather than relying on our limited understanding. He encourages believers to surrender their desires for control and to seek God's guidance in every decision, assuring them that He will lead them on the right path.

Transcript

"HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATH."

So many times we desire some type of gift to peer into the future so as to prepare for those things that are going to happen. We desire guidance to make the right choice. Think of the promise.

I. "HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATH."

A. The one who knows the end since the beginning.

1. Knows every situation you are going to face.

2. Every pitfall ahead.

B. What confidence this inspires.

1. I know it is the right path.

- a. It may not be the easiest path.
- b. It will lead to the desired goals.
- C. Our need of direction today.
 - 1. World situation so confusing people have lost sense of direction.
 - a. Like being out on the ocean without compass on cloudy night.
 - b. We see people make many starts.
 - 1. Get involved in different goals.
 - 2. Go hard in that direction for awhile then ultimate awakes to fact it has lead to no where. Still lost.
 - c. Looking down upon all this frantic confusion we see one who sails along on direct course, happy and confident.
 - 1. The amazing thing is, his hand isn't even on the rudder. "He shall direct."

II. THIS IS A CONDITIONAL PROMISE.

- A. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart."
 - 1. The desire to take things into our own hands becomes strong at times.
 - a. I see Him steering into a storm and I desire to grab the rudder to steer around.
 - b. So often when we then arrive at the storm, I discover it is calm; the storm has moved on right where I wanted to steer.
 - 2. I must conclude from the study of the scripture that to

trust and believe with your heart is greater than to trust or believe with your head.

a. "My Son give me thine heart, for out of it are the issues of life."

b. We need more than to just change our minds that can be done over and over too easily.

B. "Lean not to thy own understanding."

1. "I can't understand why God allowed this to happen to me."

2. People trying to understand God's ways.

3. I'm glad God only called me to believe if He called me to understand I would have been lost long ago.

4. Our understanding so limited... based on limited knowledge which is sometimes faulty.

C. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him."

1. Notice... "All."

a. I want to turn some areas over to His control.

b. I want Him to guide in some things.

2. Acknowledge Him.

a. Ok, Lord what shall I do now?

b. I acknowledge Jesus Christ as my Lord.

1. I am His servant, guide me, keep me.

c. Turn everything over to Him during the day as situations arise.

1. Learn to look to Him for guidance.

"He shall direct thy path."

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