

Lord, Guide My Footsteps

“Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.”

Psalms 119:35



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Proverbs 4:10-15 reads, *“Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble. Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life. Do not enter into the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on.”*

When I accepted Christ as Savior, I wanted to know Him, so daily I would read the Bible. It did not take me long to see that the Christian life was like going on a journey. My starting point was when I acknowledged I was a sinner and put my trust in Christ as my Savior. My destination was heaven where I would see Jesus face to face and spend eternity with Him.

As I daily read my Bible, I also saw that in every situation in my life and in every decision I had to make, I would have to make choices. The Lord wanted a relationship with me. He wanted to teach me His ways to handle every situation. He wanted to daily give me His wisdom for every decision I had to make. I saw the Lord daily wanted to lead me in right paths. If I learned to obediently walk in the path of His truth and make His choices for my life, my life would glorify Him, and I would have peace and joy even in painful situations.

I also learned from the Bible that Satan had a plan for my life. John 10:10 told me he is a thief. His plan

is to steal, kill, and destroy. His destination for my life and yours is hell. He will constantly try to deceive even believers and tempt us to walk in the wrong paths. He will constantly try to hinder our obedience to the Lord and cause us to stumble. I saw from this scripture that the Lord is warning us not to enter the path of the wicked because He knows the weakness of our flesh and that wicked choices lead us to other wicked choices and lead us away from Jesus Christ.

The Lord knows we live in a world where we are surrounded by evil. He clearly tells us in Proverbs 4:14-15, *“... Do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on.”* Beloved, whenever you and I are going on a journey, we check a map. We want to travel on good roads. We want to avoid bad areas and everything that will hinder or delay us. We want to have as pleasant a trip as possible and arrive at our destination safely. That is what the Lord wants for us. He wants to be our travel agent. The Bible is our map. The Holy Spirit is our guide. Daily He supplies us with His AMAZING GRACE for every test, trial, and temptation. Beloved, I encourage you to stop and look at your life. The evidence will show if you are in the path that leads to a closer walk with Jesus or away from Him. I constantly check mine.

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All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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