

GUIDED BY GOD

Part 8: Ways God Guides and Doesn't Guide

Text: *(Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV) 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.*

GUIDED BY GOD'S WORD

- Where God's word was the final word in a big decision
 1. What to do with the Gentiles coming to Christ was a big problem
 2. There was a big dispute until James settled things **(Acts 15:13-16 NKJV)**

GUIDED BY THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Paul's example in **(Acts 27:9-10 NKJV)**
 1. Had a perception - not a voice
 2. He didn't even say the Lord told me
- The Holy Spirit often guides us with His peace **(Colossians 3:15 NKJV)**
 1. He does not shout up to us to pay attention to our heart

GUIDED BY COUNSEL

- Counsel from godly sources **(Proverbs 15:22 NKJV)**
 1. The number one source of counsel is God's word
 2. Counsel from others is especially helpful as you are new in your walk with the Lord
 3. Beware ungodly counsel

NOT GUIDED BY SIGNS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

- The famous fleece **(Judges 6:36-37 NKJV)**
 1. Gideon asked for a sign to confirm what God had already said to him
 2. People often ask for a sign or attribute circumstances to determine God's will
 3. Nowhere in the New Testament are we instructed or encouraged to ask for signs
- Favorable situations are not always the Lord's leading **(Acts 27:12-13 NKJV)**
 1. When the south wind blew softly
- Negative circumstances are not always the Lord trying to tell us something **(Acts 28:3-6 NKJ)**
 1. Paul got snake bit and natives said he was a murderer
 2. Shook it off unharmed and they thought he was a god
 3. The negatives had nothing to do with God's leading and guiding