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Foundations for the Believer to Live the Spiritual Life.

The Assured Life

6. Assurance of God's Guidance; Can I count on God's guidance in the many decisions I face daily?

This study is designed to give Christians some basic Biblical concepts about God's guidance, which includes understanding "the Will of God." Yet, it is not intended to be a full treatise nor even a full outline on the Will of God, but will give us a good understanding about living the Christian way of life with God's guidance as He wills.

Definition:

Divine guidance is the doctrine of determining the will of God for your life, related to both specific and general things, by the function of your own thinking in the application of God's Word. It is the communication of God's Divine will through the Divine revelation of His Word resident in your soul. Today God's revelation is confined to the Canon of Scripture and through the pain of discipline for the reversionist in the cosmic system. In the ancient world, Divine guidance included direct communication from God through dreams, visions, dialogues, the Canon which then existed, discipline, and the teaching of angels. During the Church Age, the only way to know positively what the will of God is for your life is to understand Bible Doctrine and metabolize it. You cannot know the will of God apart from knowing the Word of God. The pure thoughts of God's Word, not the deceptive thoughts of man, are the basis for Divine guidance, **Prov 3:1-6; Rom 12:2**.

Prov 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Rom 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

As we noted above, **Prov 14:12** tell us, "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of the death." Jeremiah also noted this in **Jer 10:23**, "I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself; nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps."

Divine guidance is based on the fact that man possess free will. This free will was created by God to do the will of God apart from coercion. This resolves the Angelic Conflict. Bible doctrine in the soul + free will in man = Divine guidance, the execution of the will of God. Divine guidance reaches its peak in the believer when he attains spiritual maturity, **Heb 11:7**. Remember, the humanity of Christ had free will, **Mat 20:22, 26:42; Heb 10:7-10**. If mankind does not have free will, then neither did the humanity of Christ. If he had no free will, there would be no salvation; yet He did and we have salvation.

Nevertheless, because of man's finite wisdom and ability, his limited understanding of the facts coupled with his sinfulness, man simply cannot direct his steps. What seems right to him results in the way of destruction and death. Therefore, because man's thoughts are not infinite and omniscience (all knowing) as God's thoughts are, man's ways inevitably fall short of God's perfect and all-wise plan, **Isa 55:8-9; 1 Cor 1:26**.

Isa 55:8-9, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." Cf. Psa 103:11.

1 Cor 1:25, “Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”

For example, when husbands and wives are faced with the problems of a marriage gone wrong, they often seek divorce as the answer to the problem rather than face the pain and struggle of working through their problems. Working through problems in a marriage is certainly God's will according to the Scripture, which is always what is best for man and society as a whole; as research has shown regarding the ongoing problems of divorce versus reconciliation.

Who but the eternal God, who is the Alpha and Omega, has the infinite wisdom and power, love and mercy needed to direct the affairs of man's life. As our Creator, the One who formed us in the womb, who better knows us, our abilities, our weaknesses, and all the details of our lives than God? Cf. **Psa 100:3; 119:73; 138:8; 139:13-16; Eccl 11:5; Isa 44:24-28; Jer 1:5.**

Isa 44:24, “Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, “I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself and spreading out the earth all alone.”

Psa 119:73, “Your hands made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.”

Psa 138:8, “The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.”

Psa 139:13-16, “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, *and* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; ¹⁶Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained *for me*, when as yet there was not one of them.”

Jer 1:5, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Eccl 11:5, “Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones *are formed* in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things.”

Psa 100:3, “Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.”

Scripture tells us many times that God cares about each of us and wants to direct our lives. We see that His plan for our lives is infinitely superior in every detail with all the information and wisdom He possesses past, present, and future, and with all the power at His disposal as the Sovereign God of the universe.