

TRUST

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IN ALL YOUR WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE
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PROVERBS 3:5-6

trust god
from the bottom of your heart:
don't try to figure out
everything on your own.
listen for god's voice
in everything you do,
everywhere you go:
he's the one
who will keep you on track.

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DO NOT DEPEND ON
YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING.

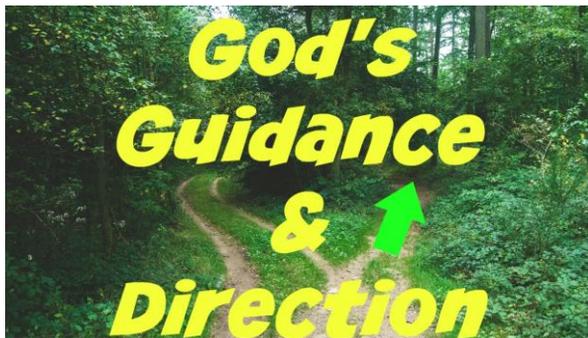
SEEK HIS WILL
IN ALL YOU DO,
AND HE WILL SHOW YOU
WHICH PATH TO TAKE.
PROVERBS 3: 5-6 NLT



Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
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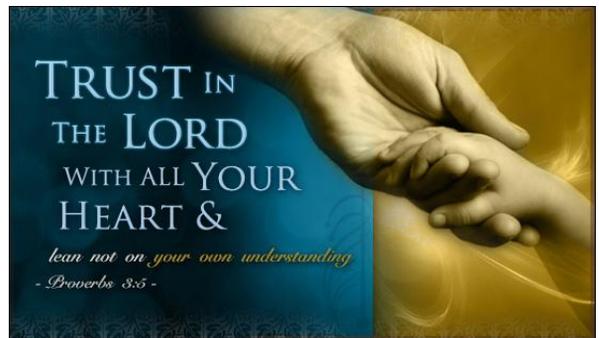


**TRUSTING
GOD'S
GUIDANCE**
What To Do When We're
Not Certain What To Do
Prov. 3:5-6



I.
**THE 3
COMMANDMENTS
ON GUIDANCE**

**1. TRUST
GOD**
– IT'S ALL OR NOTHING



TRUST
"to lean with the full body," "to lay upon," "to rest the full weight upon."
To trust in the Lord is to lay your whole weight upon him.

Not once does the Bible say, "Worry about it," or "Figure it out." But over and over it clearly says, "TRUST GOD!"

2. LEAN

NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

⁵ And lean not on your own understanding
"Do not rely on your own insight." (RSV)
"Don't trust yourself." (TLB)

Don't Depend on You

A Life of Total Distrust in Self.

Lean means to rest upon for support

Not Your Understanding

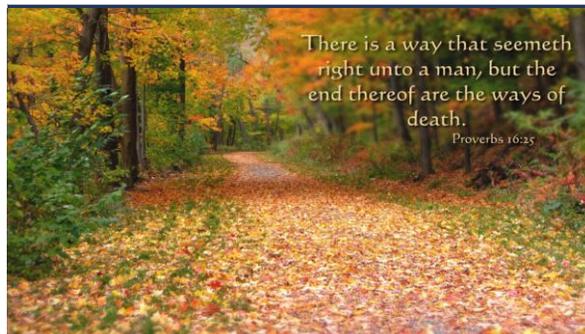
The understanding is your soul, which
includes your mind, will and emotions.

Trust moves beyond our understanding

**Leaning into the Turns: Trusting God
when you don't know what comes next.**

**Trust means that you lean on God at all
times, in all situations and in every
possible way.**

**We don't have to UNDERSTAND GOD'S
WAYS --- WE JUST HAVE TO LEAN ON
THEM --- PLACE OUT TRUST IN THEM.**



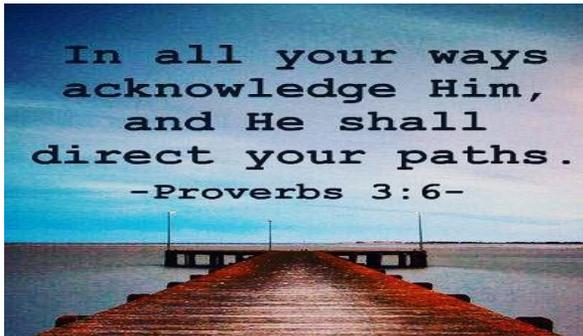
There is a way that seemeth
right unto a man, but the
end thereof are the ways of
death.

Proverbs 16:25

**"He who trusts in himself is a fool,
but he who walks in wisdom is
kept safe." Prov. 28:26**



**3. ACKNOWLEDGE
HIM IN ALL YOUR WAYS**



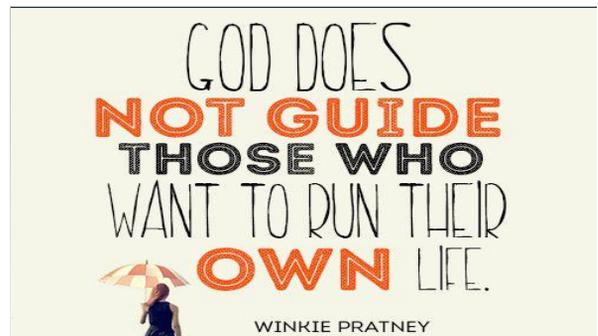
Acknowledge-admit something: to admit or accept that something exists, is true, or is real.

"Acknowledge" comes from the Hebrew word (yada) which means **"Know"** - to know deeply and intimately. It's the kind of knowing that comes with personal experience. It means to know something through and through.

If we know God intimately and experientially through His Word we can better know His will. You have to **KNOW** someone in order to completely trust that person.

ALL YOUR WAYS

A Life of Total Dependence on the Lord.
"In all your ways" - "in everything you do"
In all aspects of life, trust God.
Learning to trust God is about learning to incorporate Him into every aspect of life. There is no sacred/secular in a Christian's life.
"Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed." **Proverbs 16.3**



**Acknowledge His
Presence, Power,
Purpose, Promises.**

At all times -Times of prosperity-
adversity-joy- sorrow.

In all the steps of your journey,
acknowledge God as your guide.





"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: **I will guide thee** with mine eye" (Ps. 32:8)

"For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be **our guide** even unto death" (Ps. 48:14)

"**The LORD shall guide** thee continually" (Isa. 58:11)

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he will guide you** into all truth" (John 16:13).

God can guide us in our everyday living.

God will give us **DIRECTION** when we trust him completely.

In every decision, every action, in every development of our lives, God will direct our paths.

He Shall Direct Thy Paths

It is **HE**

PATH

refers to the customary or usual path or road. God relates to us as road builder and maintenance chief in the customary or day-to-day travels of our lives.

God cuts the road straight and keeps it useful.

We do not make our own path but we follow the one that God lays out for our lives.

God will get us where we need to go if we follow and trust Him!!

God's guidance is more like a WAY than a script.

Proverbs 4:11 I have directed you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in upright paths. **Proverbs 16:3** Commit your works to the LORD And your plans will be established. **Psalm 37:4-5** Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.

God's guidance is almost always step-by-step. He does not show us our life's plan all at once. Sometimes our anxiousness to know the will of God comes from a desire to peer over God's shoulder to see what His plan is. What we need to do is learn to trust Him to guide us.

Jerry Bridges

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**He does not lead me
year by year,
Nor even day by day;
But step by step my
path unfolds,
My Lord directs my
way.**

**“We can make
our plans, but
the LORD
determines our
steps.”**
Proverbs 16:9



**Trust in God.
We can only
see a little bit
down the road
but God can
see around
every curve.**

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION

**and He will
make your
paths straight!**

The word “direct” comes from the Hebrew word *yashar* which means to make straight or smooth.

Realizing He has a plan

- “Then the word of the Lord came to [Jeremiah], saying ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations’ (Jeremiah 1:4, 5, NKJV).
- “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope’” (Jer. 29:11, NLT).

I have
a plan.
Do you
TRUST
me?
-God

God wants you to know His will for your life or particular circumstance.

God's will is not a bitter dose of medicine. The Psalmist was able to say, "I delight to do your will" (Psalm 40:8).

3 Myths About God's Guidance

1) God's will is hard to find. "When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you." **Proverbs 6:22**

2) God wants us to know the future. "For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light..." **Proverbs 6:23a**

3) We need to be 100% sure before we make a decision. "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." **Proverbs 16:9**



1. He Guides Us by His Word (2 Tim 3:16-17). The Bible is our chart and compass, our guide book for the whole of our earthly pilgrimage (Psalm 73:24). It is a lamp and a light (Psalm 119:105).

In God's Word you will find **Precepts or Specific Commands**. These are the specific commands in regard to God's will, eg 1 Thessalonians 4:3

In God's Word you will find also **Principles or General Guidelines**. These are general principles, eg. 1 Cor. 7:40

FOLLOW WHAT GOD HAS CLEARLY REVEALED

2. He Guides us by the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 8:10-11). How wonderfully God guides us by His Holy Spirit (John 16:13), sometimes by constraining us (Acts 10:19)

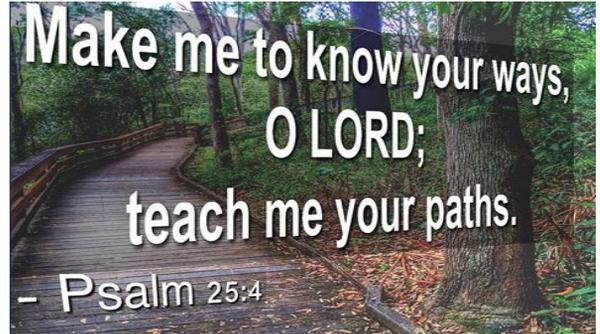
- The Holy Spirit tends to speak when I am seeking God
- The Holy Spirit tends to speak with gentle leadings
- The Holy Spirit tends to speak personally
- The guidance of the Holy Spirit produces peace

3. He Guides us by His Providences
Suddenly He sets before us an open door (Revelation 3:8).
Circumstances/Timing

4. He Guides us through our God given desires. "Delight yourself also in the LORD, and he shall give you the desires of your heart."
Psalm 37:4

5. He Guides us by His Servants
the counsel of godly, mature trusted Christian friends (Proverbs 11:14).
The Prophetic word (I Thess 5:19-21).
Confirmation (Matthew 18:16).

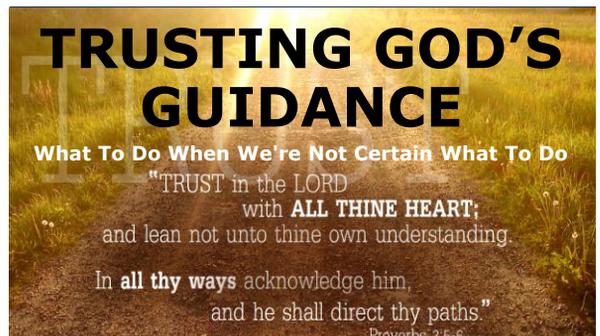
6. He Guides us through our Prayers.
Pray for guidance and for God's Wisdom. Philippians 4: 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.



When you do these 3 things:
-Trust God with all your heart.
-Don't try to figure out everything on your own.
-Acknowledge Him.
Then He will direct your path.

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Learn from God
Listen to the Holy Spirit
He will Lead

TRUST GOD TO GUIDE YOU



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