



Guided Footsteps

Would it not be terrific if, on the big questions of life, you knew the right path to take? The structure of many aspects of life make this easy, in fact many are prescribed with few if any choice given. But on some of the biggest decisions, well, young and seasoned alike have struggled to make those all-important decisions. Sometimes the decision comes quick, only to be recognized later as the wrong way. And even in seemingly smaller decision settings, what becomes a quantum leap for an individual, one surpassing anything done before, starts with a small decision, taking them in a unique direction. What's the solution?

Why not ask God? The Bible tells us he's there for us. Here are three examples:

- “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.” Isaiah 30:21.
- “But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Proverbs.” 4:18.
- “Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil. Proverbs.” 4:25–27.

Notice they require the ability to see, which requires light. And hearing is also mentioned. Maybe we're not going deep enough in our prayers for guidance. How so?

In Genesis 1, third verse, it says “And God said, let there be light: and there was light.” It's not until the 14th verse where it says, “And God said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.” So, the first story of creation in the Bible has light before the sun or moon is ever introduced! This is our first sign that the real is not viewed with the physical or mortal senses. Consider your primary goal of prayer to illumine thought, to enter into the closet as Jesus instructs, closing off all inputs except for your communion with God. Now we're ready for the big flashlight, the megaphone 😊

I believe this is what Isaiah, one of the prophetic writers, was aware of when he told us: "Thus sayeth the Lord, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; ...a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." None of this is visible to unilluminated thought. 43:16.

A crucial and sizeable post-script: You will find it helpful to read these passages in the Bible itself, while also reading to understand what requirements of you may apply. We are instructed to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Yet too often this is a secondary consideration. “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that you may consume it upon your lusts.”