

Finding Clear Guidance 1. The Promises He's Given Us:

Psalm 16:11 KJV

Thou will shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 32:8 KJV

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Proverbs 3:6-8 KJV

[6] In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. [7] Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. [8] It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

1 John 5:14-15 KJV

[14] And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: [15] And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

2. The Pilot that Guides Us:

When God speaks to us through vision, dream, or other means, it is because He has a very important purpose and we would do well to listen and obey

Holy Spirit / Promised Helper

Brings clear instruction to us from God, the Holy Spirit often speaks subtly to sharpen our senses.

3. The Pitfalls:

1. Fleshly desires:

Are we sure the things we desire do not come from our own wants.

2. Listening to wrong counsel:

Honesty is more important than one who tells you what you want to hear in order to remain your friend.

3. Impatience:

Be careful of the "If I don't do it now, I'll miss my chance" syndrome." God's timing is *ALWAYS* perfect.

4. Doubt:

We wonder whether God will show us something or not, through sin, poor self image, etc. We have a right as children of God to expect an answer.

- 5. Pressure (internal/external) acceptance by others or self imposed declarations.
- 4. Patterns to follow:
 - 1. Cleansing: We need to get our hearts right with God. Surrender your will.
 - 2. Ask him: When we ask in a state of sincerity to do his will he will direct us.
 - 3. **Meditate on the word**: What does scripture tell us? The holy spirit helps us to see verses that pertain to our particular needs.
 - 4. Believe in what he says.
 - 5. Wait: God promises us the answer, but He controls the timing.
 - 6. God gives us peace about the answer. It is a way we can know it's his will even though we maybe nervous about the journey.