

5. ASSURANCE OF GUIDANCE

Proverbs 3:5-6

New King James Version (NKJV)

*⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.*

What three things are you told to do?

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart
- Lean not to your own understanding
- Acknowledge God in all your ways

When these conditions are met, what are you promised?

- God will direct your path

“TRUST IN THE LORD”

1. *Read Psalm 32:8. What can you trust God to do for you?*

- God will instruct me in the way I should go
- When I am willing to learn, He will counsel me *and*
- Keep watch over me

2. *According to Romans 12:1 – 2, what steps should be taken to experience God’s will?*

- Dedicate my entire being to God’s will, which is my act of worship
- Don’t try to live as the world lives

How is God’s will described?

- Good, acceptable, and perfect

3. *To whom does God promise special blessing in Jeremiah 17:7?*

- To the one who believes, tries, and relies on the Lord
- The one whose hope and confident expectation is the Lord

4. *What warning does God give in Jeremiah 17:5?*

- The man who trusts in and relies on mankind is cursed

5. *Read Isaiah 55:8 – 9. Why should we not limit ourselves to human understanding?*
 - God's thoughts are not our thoughts; nor His ways – our ways
 - God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours

6. *What principle, described in John 6:38, did Jesus follow making decisions?*
 - Jesus came to do the will of God, the Father

“IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM”

7. *List some of the “ways” of your life in which you need to acknowledge God [for example: spending money, your job, leisure time]*

Select one of them, and tell how you can better acknowledge God in this area

“HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT”

8. *What means has God provided for determining His will?*

- *Psalm 119:105*
 - God has provided His Holy Word
- *1 Corinthians 2:12*
 - God has given us His precious Holy Spirit

9. *Read James 1:5. What should you do about situations you don't understand?*

- Ask for God's guidance through decisions and circumstances

How are you to ask? [See James 1:6 – 7]

- Ask in faith, believing and not doubting
- If you don't believe, don't ask

10. *What precedes the fulfillment of God's promises, according to Hebrews 10:36*

- You have to wait on God
- You have to carry out the will of God