

CAN I TRUST GOD TO LEAD ME WHERE I SHOULD GO?

God, Who? — Part 5

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the right paths for his name’s sake.” Psalm 23:1-3(NCV/NIV/TLB)

“Only those people who are led by God’s Spirit are God’s children.” Romans 8:14 (CEV)

Some things I must stop doing if I want to be led by God...

1. I can’t **FOLLOW** a culture that doesn’t know God.
“Do not copy the behavior or values of this world. Instead, let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is! Romans 12:2 (NLT)
2. I can’t be **INFLUENCED** by friends who aren’t led by God.
“Do not let anyone lead you the wrong way! Christ is righteous, so to be like Christ, you must do what is right. And anyone who keeps on sinning is being led by the Devil.” 1 John 3:7 (NCV)
3. I can’t get **DIRECTION** for my life by listening to something or someone other than God.
“Never look to psychics or séances or fortunetelling or the stars or people who claim to contact the dead. People who do these things are doing evil and God hates it with a passion.” Deuteronomy 18:10-12 (MSG/NIV/NCV)
4. I can’t allow my **CIRCUMSTANCES** alone to determine my direction.
5. I can’t allow my **FEELINGS** to be my compass.
“You may feel you’re on the right road and still end up dead.” Proverbs 14:12 (CEV)
“We’ve all strayed away like sheep! We have left God’s paths to follow our own.” Isaiah 53:6 (LB)

Some things I must start doing if I want to have God’s guidance in my life...

1. I must **WANT** God to lead me.
“My God, I want to do what you want. Your teachings are in my heart.” Psalm 40:8 (NCV)
2. I must be **WILLING** to do what God says.
“Whoever is willing to do what God wants and chooses it will know if what I teach comes from God.” John 7:17 (TEV)
3. I must read and learn what the **BIBLE** says.
“Your Word is a lamp to guide me, and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105 (GNT)
“Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by any evil.” Psalm 119:133 (NLT)
4. I must be **SENSITIVE** to the direction the Holy Spirit gives me.
“You do not have, because you do not ask God for it.” James 4:2 (NIV)
“Teach me, Lord, what you want me to do, and lead me down the right path.” Psalm 27:11 (TEV)
“God guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.” Psalm 25:9 (NIV)
“If you want to know what God really wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; but . . . be sure that you really expect him to tell you . . . If you don’t ask in faith, don’t expect the Lord to give you any solid answer.” James 1:5-6 (LB)
5. I must **LISTEN** for God’s response when I pray.
“God does speak — sometimes one way and sometimes another — even though people may not understand it.” Job 33:14 (NCV)

“Your road led by a pathway through the sea — a pathway no one knew was there!” Psalm 77:19 (NLT)