

MORE THAN JUST WORDS.

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"Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18a, KJV)

"Where there is no guidance the people fall." (Proverbs 11:14a, LSB)

WHERE THERE IS NO GUIDANCE.

When I am not given guidance it. . .

1. Makes me feel LOST.
2. Makes me feel ALONE.
3. Makes me feel like I am LACKING.

HOW TO FIND GOOD GUIDANCE.

I need to get picky about. . .

1. Who I FOLLOW.

"Appreciate your pastoral leaders who gave you the Word of God. Take a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness instruct you, as well as their truthfulness. There should be a consistency that runs through us all." (Hebrews 13:7, MSG)

"When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan." (Proverbs 29:2, NLT)

"Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's

people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11–12, NLT)

2. Who I SURROUND myself with.

“Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is salvation.” (Proverbs 11:14, LSB)

“Plans succeed through good counsel; don’t go to war without wise advice.” (Proverbs 20:18, NLT)

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. . . A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9–12, NLT)

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24–25, NLT)

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” (Proverbs 27:17, NIV84)

3. What I give ATTENTION to.

“So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. Your spiritual strength comes as a gift from God.” (Hebrews 13:9a, The Living Bible, Paraphrased)

“Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ.” (Ephesians 4:14–15, NLT)

SO, WHAT’S IT GONNA TAKE?

If I want to be a guide for my kids I must. . .

1. Be a place of SECURITY for my kids.

“Words kill, words give life; they’re either poison or fruit—you choose.” (Proverbs 18:21, MSG)

*"Parents, don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits."
(Colossians 3:21, MSG)*

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4, NIV84)

2. Provide a place to BELONG for my kids.

"So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind." (1 Thessalonians 5:11a, MSG)

3. Instill a sense of PURPOSE in my kids.

*"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."
(Proverbs 22:6, NIV84)*

4. Foster a love for REAL TRUTH in my kids.

"Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up." (Deuteronomy 6:7, NLT)

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