

Determining Your Course

Insight for Living Series (IFL-03)

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- Psalm 19:7-8

Choosing your destination

- Choose this day
- Matthew 7:13-14
 - Highway to hell (the way that leads to destruction) is broad for the many who choose that way
 - Gateway to life is narrow and the road is difficult and only a few find it
- Deuteronomy 30:19
 - Set before you, life and death, blessing and the curse
 - Choose life that you may live, you and your descendants
- Psalm 73:24 (NLT2) You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny.
 - Choosing as your destination – God’s glorious destiny
 - Ultimately heaven
 - Also destinations here on earth – press to attain
- Psalm 19:8b – the commands of the Lord are clear (pure) giving insight for living – determining your course
- Proverbs 4:20-27
 - Listen carefully to what I say
 - Do not lose sight of them
 - Let them penetrate deep into your heart
 - They bring life to those who find them
 - Healing to their whole body
 - Guard your heart above all else
 - For it determines the course of your life
 - Mark out a straight path – stay on the safe path
 - Don’t get sidetracked
- **Intentional** veering from the path
- Ephesians 4:17-19
 - Deut. 17 - the king in preparation for leadership – inscribe the word, read it daily, not veer from its instructions
- **Unintentional** veering – not paying attention, distracted, listening to other voices

Guard your heart

- Above all else
- What things are you “On Guard” for?

Go the distance

- Some destinations are not attained for a long time
- In order to go the distance you must see the distant destination
- Psalm 119:82 (NLT2) My eyes are straining to see your promises come true. When will you comfort me?
- Help to see the distance to go the distance
- Abraham and Sarah – 25 years between the promise and Isaac’s birth
- Caleb – 45 years between the promise and possession
- Joshua 14:6-14
- Whole heartedly followed the Lord – this is why we must guard our hearts
- Hebrews 11:13-16
- Some things are distant enough that we will be on the course toward our destination for the whole of our lives
 - Don’t grow weary in the journey
 - Always stay near so you can see more clearly
 - Don’t veer from the path that leads to life – the narrowness of the path, although difficult, will lead to the greatest life both now and for eternity